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Selvi J Jayalalithaa

-Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu

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First Wrapper

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Puratchi Thalaivi **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** paid floral tribute to a portrait of Perarignar Anna, placed below his statue on Anna Salai, Chennai in connection with his 108th birth anniversary on 15.09.2016.

'Tamil Nadu excels in schemes for students, teachers'

Teacher's Day message of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Puratchi Thalaivi Selvi J Jayalalithaa

'Poverty within is more dangerous than poverty without' said Dr. S. Radhakrishnan and took up the noble job of teaching that eradicates inner poverty. He rose up to become the President of India and a renowned philosopher and was hailed by the world for his intellectual acumen and richness of thought. I convey my greetings to all those who celebrate his birth anniversary, September 5, as Teacher's Day.

Bharathiyar sang: 'Tamil Nadu excels in education'. To substantiate his saying and to provide quality education to all in Tamil Nadu, particularly to the poor, my Government has been implementing many welfare programmes for school children. At the same time, schemes for the welfare of teachers also are implemented. Schemes implemented by Your Beloved Sister's Government for teachers include filling up of 74,316 teacher posts, setting up of two 'Aasiriyar Illams' at Chennai and Tiruchirappalli at a cost of Rs. 6 crore for the benefit of teachers, holding special teacher's grievance redressal camps in all offices of the Education Department and transparent counselling in teacher's transfer.

Every year, the Tamil Nadu Government honours teachers who inculcate, along with education, discipline, culture, self-confidence, perseverence and general knowledge in students, with the 'Best Teacher' Award ('Nallaasiriyar Virudhu'). To encourage the award winners further, I have issued orders increasing the cash prize from the present Rs. 5,000/- to Rs. 10,000/-. I convey my hearty appreciation to all the teachers who are to be awarded for their excellent academic work.

My good wishes for excellence in life to teachers who impart the imperishable wealth of education to students, the future pillars of the nation, and who engage themselves in the unique task of creating an enlightened society. Once again, I convey my Teacher's Day greetings.

Chief Minister raps DMK President for lacking the guts to face up to own law & order record

Reply of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Puratchi Thalaivi **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** on 22.08.2016 to the debate on the demands for grants for the Departments of Police and Fire and Rescue services for the year 2016 – 2017(English Translation)

Hon'ble Speaker,

Hon'ble Members have expressed various views in the debate on the demands for grants moved by me in this House today, for the Departments of Police, Fire and Rescue Services.

The Opposition partie s have not participated in today's debates. People know fully well through newspapers and TV channels how the Hon'ble Members belonging to the DMK conduct themselves in this House every day. Even the Hon'ble Leader of the opposition Thiru.M.K. Stalin told the Hon'ble Speaker on 16.08.2016: 'on certain occasions .... our members are impelled to utter some undesirable words to express their feelings. Those words are not spoken on the mike. Still, off the mike, they come out sometimes. You are agonised over that. I am sad over that; I feel ashamed about it; I am even ready to apologise to you.' The Hon'ble Speaker has suspended 79 DMK members from the House for a week as they had impeded the proceedings of the House. They have twisted this and are saying that the action on them is to prevent them from participating in the debate on the demands for grants for the Police Department. If they have any real interest and faith in the debates, the 10 (unsuspended) DMK members could have

come to the Assembly. They came but staged a walk out immediately. At least 2 of them could have expressed their views. Among those who attended the Assembly today, even former Ministers were there. Don't they know how to speak? At least two of them could have put forth their views.

In 2006, when we were in the opposition and when all the AIADMK legislators were suspended from the House, did I not participate as the sole unsuspended member and leader of the opposition, in the debate on the motion of thanks to the Governor for his address and express our views? Has the DMK leader displayed such a courage at any time? Has the person who proclaims himself as the future leader and is now the leader of the opposition, got this courage? Even if he is suspended, the DMK President has not been suspended, is it not? If he had the guts, he could have come; he ought to have come and participated in the debate. However, I view their non-participation in today's debate as being born out of an awareness that the law and order situation in their rule and to what extent it had deteriorated, would also be discussed if they participated in the debate and that they had no reply for it. I expected that the unsuspended DMK opposition members to come today. I came prepared to cite the shameful incidents that took place in their rule between 2006 and 2011 which worsened the law and order situation and submitted a photo album to the Speaker to substantiate my charges. But, there is no opportunity to use them.

The people of Tamil Nadu have a clear political acumen and a visionary outlook. In the last Assembly elections, they once again proved that they cannot be hoodwinked through advertising tactics and slogans. Entertainment films will have some songs without any great content. Their role is just to entertain the audience. Those songs may even become popular. But slogans based on those songs cannot bring victory. The people of Tamil Nadu have proved this. In his election campaign, the Hon'ble Leader of the opposition pleaded in town after town, street after street and house after house that they be pardoned if they had committed mistakes; not only that – he even sang songs; nothing worked.

The people of Tamil Nadu felt that regime which has as its basic principle peace, prosperity and growth should continue. They felt that our Government gives priority to people's welfare, it brings in prosperity to all sections of the people, it uplifts the marginalised, the oppressed and the down-trodden, it priorities growth in all fields and upholds law and order and that it has turned Tamil Nadu into a garden of peace. That is why, they have elected us for the second successive term -- a feat after 32 years-- and entrusted the State's administration to me and given me an opportunity once again to serve the people of Tamil Nadu.

A State's growth depends on the prosperity of its people and prosperity comes through the State's economic growth. Several factors contribute to economic growth. Human resource development will pave the way for economic growth; the incentives for that development are good education to students and implementation

of schemes to safeguard the health of the people. Natural resources are also a factor for economic growth. Good infrastructure facilities and uninterrupted power supply will course industrial development and through it, economic development and prosperity to people can be attained.

Though there are several factors for achieving economic growth like these, peace and security is the most important factor. No growth is possible if there is no peaceful climate even if all the factors for economic growth are available. When peace is disturbed there will be no growth. When peace gets a beating, people will spend their time and energy more to safeguard themselves than involve themselves in activities for growth. That is why my Government gives the utmost importance to peace, safety and law and order.

Both inside and outside the Assembly, DMK partymen are constantly saying, contrary to facts, that law and order has deteriorated and that peace has been disturbed. Incidents of crime and general peace in society are two different things. The DMK partymen boast that in their rule, they had appointed three police commissions. But I feel they have not gone through the reports submitted by those commissions properly and understood them. The third police commission appointed in 2006 has discussed in its report the law and order subject. It catalogues the orders passed by the Supreme Court and says that each act that infringes law affects the prevalence of order in society. But all acts that affect the law and order situation cannot be said to affect the general peace in society. Those acts that affect the peace cannot be construed to have affected the safety of the state. That is, though crime incidents are against law and affect the prevalence of order, they cannot be considered as having disturbed the peace or contributed to the deterioration of the law and order situation.

During the DMK rule, between 2006 and 2011, occurrence of criminal incidents was more and law and order and peace were in tatters. I am not saying this keeping in mind incidents like the reported attempt on Thiru. M.K. Stalin, the present leader of the opposition and the then Local Administration Minister at the Madurai railway station. On a complaint lodged by Havildar Suresh Kumar of Central Reserve Police who was on security duty of the then Hon'ble Minister Thiru.Stalin on 13.06.2006, a case was registered at the Madurai railway Police Station, Crime no.145/2006 under Sec. 307 IPC. As per that complaint, on the morning of that day when the then Hon'ble minister Thiru. Stalin alighted from a train at Madurai Junction and was proceeding to his car with his party cadres, a managed about 50 and wearing spectacles reportedly tried to shake hands with him; he was pulled back by Havildar Suresh Kumar; and the unidentified person escaped leaving behind a small knife and Suresh Kumar sustained a minor injury in the hand. On 17.06.2006, the case was transferred to the State Crime Branch CID police. The accused in the case was never traced.

If a person can approach a State Minister with the intention of assaulting him, it is an issue of of great concern for public order. Though it is

so, I am not stating that law and order was in tatters solely on the basis of this incident.

Every one knows that there were different centres of power operating during the then DMK rule. There was interference in the Police Department's work. It was difficult for people to safeguard their own lands and houses. Mafia groups made it a habit in the then DMK regime to threaten and kidnap property owners and purchase their assets at very low rates. They would also prepare fake documents and register such assets in their own names. That is why 6,615 complaints were received even during the regime of the then DMK Government about land grabbing, cheating and fake documents. There was a separate wing, headed by an assistant commissioner in the Central Chennai Police Department to enquire into cases of land grabbing and cheating. But many were afraid even to lodge a complaint and kept mum. Among the complaints received, no proper action was taken even in respect of offences over which charge sheets had been filed. As people lived fearing for their lives and for their properties, all were saying that law and order had nose dived during that period.

People will lose faith in the police if their complaints are not registered and are not enquired into. When people lose faith in the police, they stop lodging complaints also, realising the futility of such action. This and the inaction of the police will push up the incidence of crime and spoil the law and order situation. This was the state of affairs during the DMK rule then.

Hon'ble Speaker,

Hon'ble Members, I think, would not have forgotten the theft of 135 Horlicks boxes, containing 3,240 Horlicks packets from a lorry that reached the godown at Thiruvalaya Nallur, near Sholavandan in Madurai District on 12.07.2010. When a complaint was lodged in this connection, at the Sholavandan Police

Station, the police officer there refused to register it. The concerned company filed a petition in the Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court in this regard. The police decided that it was a case that could not be solved through investigation and filed such a report in the court on 29.12.2010.

Such incidents alone led to the deterioration of the law and order situation then.

Hon'ble Speaker,

Incidents of Crime have come down in the last 5 years.

In 2005, at the end of the AIADMK regime headed by me, the number of murders that took place was of the order of 1,366. This went up to 1,715 in 2010, the closing period of the DMK rule. In 2015, the number of murders came down to 1,641.

Likewise, the number of cases of murder for gain was 74 in 2005; it shot up to 153 in 2010 at the end of the DMK regime and came down to 107 in 2015 in my rule.

Of the 1,641 murder cases registered in 2015, a majority of them happened due to family feuds, love affairs, money transactions, land disputes, private prior enmity, wordy duel and the like. Only a few had the motive of revenge, criminal behaviour and gain.

In private disputes such as prior enmity, money transaction, property tussles and issues involving husband, wife and close relatives, concerned persons don't lodge complaints with the police. In such issues, if the police is informed in the initial stages itself, it is possible to resolve them by taking appropriate action. In the absence of complaints, police are unable to prevent such incidents by taking precautionary measures. Still, police continue to take steps to prevent crime incidents.

In 2015, 1,763 burglaries were registered. Till 30.06.2016 this year, 847 burglaries have been registered. These cases in 2015 have come down by 2.97 per cent compared to those in 2010 in the DMK rule.

Theft cases registered in 2015 were 11,196; this year up to 30.6.2016, 5,868 cases have been registered. A comparison between 2010 in the DMK rule and 2015 reveals that the incidence of theft has come down in 2015 by 23.23 per cent.

In 2010 in the DMK rule, property related cases including murder cases, registered were 23,068. In 2015, 19,931 such cases have been registered. This year, till 30.06.2016, 9,979 cases have been registered. Compared to 2010 in the DMK rule, the number of such cases in 2015 has come down by 3,137.

Besides conducting effective investigation in many important murder and burglary cases, arresting the accused and retrieving the stolen articles, the Police Department is taking steps to keep in preventive custody hardened criminals.

The Police Department's crime prevention steps include increasing the number of day and night patrols, creating awareness among people about how crimes take place and how they should be averted; involving NGOs and members of residential colony associations in the patrolling; fixing CCTV cameras at public

places where people congregate in large numbers, business places, places of worship, work place and the like; monitoring the activities of habitual offenders, placing murder accused in preventive custody under Goondas Act and collecting intelligence on mercenary killers and arresting them.

At the National level, the incidence of crime is going up due to population increase, growing economy, information technology development, changing social conditions and urbanisation. This is the state of affairs. But, in contrast, crime incidents have come down as far as our state, Tamil Nadu is concerned, due to the severe action taken against criminals by the police. The statistics I have furnished just now, will establish this.

Hon'ble Speaker,

If police are to carry out their work efficiently, the needed facilities should be provided to them. That is why modern weaponry, accessories, vehicles, communication equipment are supplied to them to the required level. In the last 5 years, 3,081 new vehicles were purchased for them besides replacing 3,000 old vehicles with new ones.

The Crime and Criminals Tracking Network Systems – CCTNS - has been implemented. Under this project, facilities for the public to lodge their complaints online have been created. Under this project, 2,398 centres including 1,482 Police Stations have been integrated.

Several measures have been taken to modernise the technological wing of the Police Department. Besides the upgradation of the Wide Area Network in the Department, e-mail server along with software have been purchased and their quality improved. For the Tamil Nadu Police Academy Microwave connectivity has been established. Telephones in the Police Headquarters are connected with optical fibre cable and the quality of telelink has been improved. Apart from this, 300 VHF sets, 600 VHF mobile sets, 1,200 hand-held sets and 128 VHF Repeaters have been purchased.

One thousand eight hundred and twenty static wireless sets have been supplied.

The Police Department has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Anna University for exchange of technology, assistance for implementation of schemes and for development of research programmes.

Two aerial unmanned vehicles have been purchased and they are in use to undertake adequate security measures at festivals where people assemble in large numbers and at events where important leaders participate, to follow evidence left behind at the scene of important crimes and to assess the damages caused during natural disasters and to co-ordinate and expedite rescue and relief operations.

Closed Circuit cameras have been installed in public places to prevent crimes and to help collect evidence in the places of crime. More than 71,000 CCTVs have been installed by Government and private parties.

In the last 5 years, funds have been allotted to the tune of Rs.1,615.18 crore for construction of 20,936 apartments for police personnel, Rs.200 crore for construction of 526 new Police Stations, Rs.356 crore for construction of 315 office cum houses for Deputy Superintendents of Police, Barracks, Armed Police Offices, Police Commissionerate, District Police Office buildings, additional buildings in offices, Police Hospital and offices for Home Guards. Works on 13,034 apartments, 345 Police Stations and 201 other buildings have been completed; remaining building works are in progress.

Several welfare schemes are implemented for Police Constables so that they can discharge their duties with total dedication.

Timely promotions are given to Constables. Prize money has been increased several fold to encourage medallists in competitions; 'own your home' scheme is implemented to help police personnel own a house; and canteens

have been opened for Police Department staff to get articles at reduced prices.

At present 47 canteens are operating. The Closed User Group Scheme is being implemented to benefit 1.20 lakh Police Department staff and Department's Ministerial staff. The various allowances given to Constables have been increased. Police hospitals are providing excellent medical treatment to Constables and their family members. Out-patient treatment centres have been set up at the places where 26 Armed Police Headquarters and 10 Special Police Force Headquarters are located. Facility for total body scan once a year at no cost to all Police, Fire and Rescue Service Departments' personnel above 40 years of age, has been provided.

Hon'ble Speaker,

On account of the advice and encouragement given by my Government, the Police Department is working excellently, maintains law and order, prevents crime, investigates crimes and gets appropriate punishment to criminals.

I wish to state that my Government will continue to take necessary steps to further modernise the police force and safeguard the interests of Constables.

Hon'ble Speaker,

Personnel of the Fire and Rescue Services Department are doing their work exceedingly well. Their task is to prevent fire accidents, extinguishing fire in fire accidents and rescuing those caught in the fire. Without caring for their own lives, they work during natural disasters and when fire and other accidents take place. I am bestowing the same importance given to the Police Department, to the fire and rescue services Department also.

For the efficient working of the Fire and Rescue Services Department, every year modern water tenders and other accessories are purchased and supplied. New fire service stations are opened wherever they are needed.

Personnel of the Fire and Rescue Services Department are eligible for the various allowances given to the Police Department employees. Under the 'own your house' scheme, houses are allotted to the personnel of this Department also. They can also purchase articles at reduced prices in canteens established for Police Personnel.

The Fire and Rescue Services Department will continue to function so as to fulfil the expectations of the people with the help of modern communication facilities and upgraded modern accessories.

Hon'ble Speaker,

Keeping in view the needs of the Departments of police, fire and rescue services, I wish to make the following announcements in this House now.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Police Department

Welfare of Police Staff and Officers

1. The risk allowance to Police Constables and officers will be doubled; at present it ranges from Rs.200/- to Rs.3,000/-,depending on their position and the type of job they do. The

enhanced allowance will entail an additional expense of Rs.60.73 crore a year.

2. The maintenance allowance for uniforms and accessories will be enhanced by Rs.100/- per month; at present it ranges from Rs.100/- to Rs.450/-; additional expenditure for Government is Rs.14.50 crore a year.

3. Police personnel of the Naxalite Prevention Special Branch undertake search operations in dense forest areas to prevent Naxalite infiltration at the tri-junction of states' borders and to monitor the activities of Maoists. To boost their mental strength, allowances will be given to them on par with the personnel of Special Task Force. The Government will incur an additional expenditure of Rs.1.83 crore per annum on account of this.

Construction of apartments for Police Department personnel

4. Apartments for the Inspector of Thirupapuliyur Police Station, Cuddalore District, 3 Sub-Inspectors and 59 Police Constables will be constructed at a cost of Rs.9.60 crore.

5. Two apartments for Sub- Inspectors of Devadhanapatti Police Station, Theni District and 44 apartments for Constables will be constructed at a cost of Rs.7.02 crore.

6. Forty-eight apartments for Constables attached to the Tamil Nadu Special Police – 9th Division at Manimuthar, Tirunelveli District will be constructed at a cost of Rs.6.98 crore.

7. Apartments for the Inspector, 2 Sub-Inspectors and 40 Constables attached to the Mayiladuthurai Railway Track Police Station, Nagapattinam District will be constructed at a cost of Rs.6.53 crore.

8. Two apartments for Sub-Inspectors and 48 for Constables of the Mahendramangalam Police Station, Dharmapuri District will be constructed at a cost of Rs.4.61 crore.

9. Apartments for the Inspector of Ammayanayakanur Police Station, Dharmapuri District, 5 Sub-Inspectors and 18 Constables will be constructed at a cost of Rs.4.18 crore.

10. Apartment for the sub inspector of Thimmampettai Police Station, Vellore District and that for 19 Constables will be constructed at a cost of Rs.3.24 crore.

11. An apartment for the Inspector, apartments for 2 Sub-Inspectors and 12 Constables of the Gudimangalam Police Station, Tiruppur District will be constructed at a cost of Rs.2.83 crore.

12. Six apartments for Constables of Kazhugumalai Police Station, Thoothukudi District will be constructed at a cost of Rs.1.05 crore.

Construction of other buildings for the Police Department

13. As there is no separate Administrative Building for the Armed Forces in Karur District, an administrative building will be constructed for the Armed Forces at Karur at a cost of Rs.3.78 crore.

14. As there is no separate building for the administrative office at the Armed Forces complex in Salem city, a building will be constructed at a cost of Rs.3.60 crore.

15. An annexe will be constructed for the Coimbatore City Police Commissioner office at a cost of Rs.3.40 crore.

16. A building will be constructed at a cost of Rs.2.85 crore at the Armed Forces Division at Sivakasi, Virudhunagar District for storing weaponry and for housing a factory for weapons.

17. An additional floor will be constructed in the Additional DGP (Implementation) office, Chennai at a cost of Rs.1.79 crore to overcome space constraints.

18. A community Hall will be constructed at a cost of Rs.1.65 crore at New Washermenpet, Chennai Metro.

19. A building will be constructed at a cost of Rs. 94 lakh for the dog squad of the Special Task Force at Sathyamangalam, Erode District.

Construction of Police Station buildings

20. As the Vellavedu Police Station in Tiruvallur District does not have a own building, one will be constructed for it, at a cost of Rs.1.14 crore.

21. A Police Station building will be constructed for the Peravurani Police Station in Thanjavur District at a cost of Rs. 1 crore.

22. A Police Station building for the Uthankarai Police Station, Krishnagiri District at a cost of Rs.99 lakh.

23. A Police Station building for the Jambunathapuram Police Station, Tiruchirappalli District at a cost of Rs.81 lakh.

24. A Police Station building for the Ariyalur Traffic police, Ariyalur District at a cost of Rs.71 lakh.

Construction of Office buildings for the Special Wings of the Police Department

25. Own building will be constructed for the CB CID police in Madurai District at a cost

of Rs.1.98 crore as it is now functioning from a private rental building.

26. Own building for the CB CID police in Ramanathapuram District at a cost of Rs.69 lakh.

27. Own building for the Special wing CID in Sivagangai District at a cost of Rs.48 lakh.

Compound walls for Police Offices, Stations and residences

28. Compound wall at a cost of Rs.11 lakh for Thondamuthur Police Station, Coimbatore District and for the apartments of Constables.

29. Compound wall around Mangalapuram Police Station, Namakkal District and the apartments of Constables at a cost of Rs.11 lakh.

30. Compound wall around apartments of Constables of the Kadaladi Police Station, Tiruvannamalai District at a cost of Rs. 10 lakh.

31. Refurbishing of the compound wall of the Superintendent of Police Office, Villupuram District at a cost of Rs. 10 lakh.

32. Compound wall around Arur Police Station, Dharmapuri District at a cost of Rs.10 lakh.

Vehicles for Police Personnel for speedy travel

33. Three heavy-weight retrieval vans will be purchased at a cost of Rs.81 lakh for removing traffic bottlenecks on roads.

34. Ten jeeps will be purchased at a cost of Rs.75 lakh for police Constables to rush out to prevent crimes.

35. Three buses will be purchased at a cost of Rs.69 lakh for Constables to reach the spot speedily to control law and order problems.

36. For fast patrolling, 100 motor- cycles will be purchased for Police Stations at a cost of Rs.60 lakh.

37. Three covered lorries will be purchased at a cost of Rs.51 lakh.

38. Three water tanker lorries will be purchased at a cost of Rs.45 lakh for the supply of drinking water in the residential complexes of Constables.

39. Three small buses will be purchased at a cost of Rs.39 lakh for Constables to rush to places of incidents and discharge their duties efficiently.

40. Three prisoner escort vans will be purchased at a cost of Rs.36 lakh for producing prisoners in courts.

41. Three big jeeps will be purchased at a cost of Rs.27 lakh for Constables to rush out and prevent crimes.

42. Three vans will be purchased at a cost of Rs.27 lakh for Constables to reach speedily the place where law and order problems have erupted.

43. Two ambulances will be purchased at a cost of Rs.24 lakh for transportation for emergency treatment.

Distribution of modern gadgets for effective monitoring and security works for the safety of police personnel.

44. One hundred bullet- proof jackets will

be purchased at a cost of Rs.60 lakh for the safety of Constables drafted for security work.

45. A vehicle mounted baggage scanner will be purchased at a cost of Rs.60 lakh to detect the inner contents of suspicious articles that cannot be prised open.

security works, 3 non-linear junction detectors will be purchased at a cost of Rs.24 lakh.

50. As modern accessories are necessary for security arrangements in the Police Department, 4 multi zone door frame metal detectors will be purchased at a cost of Rs.18 lakh.

46. Three X-ray baggage scanners will be purchased at a cost of Rs.60 lakh to detect the inner contents of suspicious articles that cannot be prised open.

47. To detect explosive articles during the security check at the time of VVIPs arrivals and other important public events, 3 Explosive Vapour Detectors will be purchased at a cost of Rs.51 lakh.

48. A mini jammer will be purchased at a cost of Rs.30 lakh to defuse bombs that cannot be activated through electrical waves.

49. To detect buried electronic gadgets while Constables are engaged in monitoring and

51. Three night vision binoculars will be purchased at a cost of Rs.18 lakh for use by Constables on night patrol and on security duty.

52. Four mine sweepers will be purchased at a cost of Rs.16 lakh to detect dangerous materials buried under ground.

53. For the safety of Constables engaged in security work during law and order and terrorism events, 100 bullet proof helmets will be purchased at a cost of Rs.15 lakh.

54. Two debugging scanners will be purchased at a cost of Rs. 2 lakh to detect concealed gadgets for overhearing and de-activate them.

55. Five digital video cameras will be purchased at a cost of Rs. 2 lakh for use during the enquiry of criminals and in other police work.

Communication equipment for District Police

56. For intra-exchange of police information, a digital mobile radio system and its accessories will be purchased at a cost of Rs.8.64 crore for the use of Thanjavur District Police.

57. Likewise, for the use of Tiruvarur District Police, a digital mobile radio system and its accessories will be purchased at a cost of Rs.5.93 crore.

CCTVs with IP Cameras for Police Stations

58. For 100 Police Stations, closed circuit television with internet protocol (IP) cameras will be purchased at a cost of Rs. 3 crore.

Modernisation of Chennai Metro Police Control Room

59. Chennai Metro police control room will be modernised with Command,Control, Communication and Intelligence (3ci) Operation Centre at a cost of Rs.12.22 crore.

Social Media labs and gathering intelligence from social media

60. Social media laboratories will be set up at a cost of Rs.32 lakh and intelligence will be gathered from social media.

Distribution of Portable, inflatable emergency lighting systems

61. To facilitate the taking up of rescue and relief operations in Districts and cities during natural calamities, 100 portable, inflatable emergency lighting systems will be purchased at a cost of Rs.1.92 crore.

Modern equipment for forensic laboratory

62. For speedy scrutiny of case documents, a Video Spectral Comparator-8000 with Computer Intel Core i7 will be purchased at a cost of Rs.70 lakh for the Document Section.

63. For comparing the skulls, remaining unidentified, with the photo of the person suspected to have been dead and identifying the deceased, a Computer Aided Video Super Imposition Device will be purchased at a cost of Rs.60 lakh for the physiology section.

64. For very quick extraction of genes from bones, tissues, blood and semen stains, an Automate Express – (Nucleic Acid Extraction) with Kits will be purchased at a cost of Rs.40 lakh for the Gene section.

65. For intensive examination of narcotics and adulterated articles, a hand-held analyzer for narcotics identification will be purchased at a cost of Rs.25 lakh for the Narcotics section.

66. To augment the capacity of the existing gene mapping instrument, the Software for Genemapper IDX Version 1.5 with Accessories will be purchased at a cost of Rs.15 lakh for the Gene section.

67. Two Hi-End Mobile Phone Forensic Tool for Acquisition and Examination of Mobile Phones and SIM Cards will be purchased at a cost of Rs.14 lakh for the Computer Forensic section for quick examination of mobile phones

and connected gadgets which form part of case related properties.

68. A Make Shift Cold Room (Minus 20 Degree Celsius) will be purchased at a cost of Rs.12 lakh for the Gene section for cold storing for a long time of bones, tissues and other biological matters connected with court cases.

69. Two Trinocular Microscopes will be purchased at a cost of Rs.10 lakh for the Biology section for viewing enlarged version of microbes on the computer screen.

70. To examine with ultra-modern equipment hard disc, soft disc, cell phone, skimmer and money transaction cards obtained in the background of criminal activities, a Portable Hi-End Forensic Work Station for Examination and Analysis of Digital Storage Media will be purchased at a cost of Rs.5 lakh for the Computer Forensic section.

Strengthening Home Guards

For strengthening the Home Guards Force, 50 Life Guard Jackets, 99 Reflective Jackets, 50 Search Lights and 5 Inflatable Rubber Boats will be purchased at a cost of Rs.45 lakh.

The estimated expenditure for the new announcements I have made now for the Police Department is Rs.193.32 crore.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Upgradation of Infrastructure facilities and Distribution of vehicles for the Department

1. Fifteen new water tenders will be purchased at a cost of Rs.4.95 crore to replace the ones that are in use for more than 15 years in all the stations of the Department.

2. Under the third phase of supplying small foam tenders, 5 such tenders will be supplied at a cost of Rs. 2 crore to the fire and rescue services stations at Koyambedu, Chennai, Gummidipoondi SIPCOT (Tiruvallur District), Cuddalore SIPCOT (Cuddalore), Erode (Erode) and at Palayamkottai (Tirunelveli District).

3. Own buildings will be constructed at a cost of Rs.2.24 crore for the Fire Stations at Tondiarpet and T.Nagar, Chennai under the policy that such buildings should be provided to all the stations in a phased manner.

4. Under the second phase of the scheme for distribution of jeeps to all the 46 Assistant District officers of the Fire and Rescue Services Department, 10 jeeps will be purchased at a cost of Rs.60 lakh for distribution to as many Assistant Officers.

5. Under the second phase of the scheme for distribution of motorcycles to all Station Officers, 50 motorcycles will be purchased at a cost of Rs.35 lakh for 50 station officers.

6. For the upgradation of the photo section of the Department, modern cameras and video equipment will be purchased at a cost of Rs.4.56 lakh.

7. The allowance of Rs.500/- given to every Fire Station in the State for observance of ‘Fire Service Day’ on April 14 every year, will be enhanced to Rs.3,000/-. On account of this, the Government will incur an additional expenditure of Rs.8.20 lakh a year.

Welfare of Staff

8. Under the third phase of the scheme to provide Personal Protective Equipment to all fire service personnel, 1,000 such numbers of equipment that will include fire-proof footwear and helmet will be purchased at a cost of Rs.5.50 crore.

9. A special allowance of Rs.1,000/- per month will be given to the operators of the Extra Heavy duty special type Aerial Ladder Platform vehicles, taking into account the efficiency exhibited. This will entail the Government an additional cost of Rs.3.60 lakh in a year.

10. The annual grant of Rs.1,200/- given to the Musical Drum Team in the Fire and Rescue Services Department will be increased to Rs.50,000/-.

The estimated cost on the new announcements that I have now made will be Rs.15.81 crore.

Hon'ble Speaker,

Through you, I request the Hon'ble Members to pass the demands for grants for the police, Fire and Rescue Services Departments.

Motherly touch to take care of mothers, babies

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Puratchi Thalaivi **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** under Rule 110 in the Legislative Assembly on 01.09.2016 (English Translation)

Hon'ble Speaker,

Government employees function as a bridge between the Government and the people. They are the ones who take to the people all the welfare schemes of the Government. Keeping in mind their interests, my Government is taking many steps.

As for women employees, I issued orders, after taking over administration in 2011, for increasing the maternity leave to 6 months for lactating mothers in Government service. The order came into effect from 16.05.2011. Till then, the leave period was 90 days, fixed in 1980.

In our election manifesto, we had promised to increase the maternity leave to 9 months. By way of honouring the promise, I make the announcement that maternity leave, given as a concession to mothers in Government service to take care of their newborn babies, will be increased from 6 months to 9 months.

Resolution asks Centre not to accept panel view on Attappadi project

Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi ***Selvi J Jayalalithaa,*** *moving in the Legislative Assembly on 02.09.2016, a Government special resolution urging the Central Government not to accept the decision taken at the 96th meeting of the Expert Appraisal Committee of the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change on the Kerala State's Attappadi valley project and not to grant permission to any project to be undertaken by the Kerala, Karnataka Governments.*

Hon'ble Speaker,

Siruvani river originates in the Attappadi valley of the Kerala State, runs its course and drains in the Bhavani river in that State itself. It is a sub-tributary of the inter-State river Cauvery.

The Kerala Government demanded at the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal an allotment of 27 tmc ft of water in the Bhavani basin and 4.5 tmc ft of water in Attappadi valley, for irrigation and drinking water needs. In its final order on 05.02.2007, the Tribunal allotted 6 tmc ft. of water for the Bhavani river basin in Kerala. Of this, 2.87 tmc ft. of water should be allotted to Attappadi irrigation needs.

Against this order of the Tribunal, Karnataka and Kerala Governments appealed in the Supreme Court in April 2007.

The Tamil Nadu Government filed a petition in the Cauvery Water Tribunal in April 2007, for clarifications, under Sec.5(3) of the Inter-State Water Disputes Act, 1956. Later, on

05.05.2007, it appealed in the Supreme Court also. These two petitions pleaded for a review of the computed land extent under the second crop and the water allocation made for it; for allocation of water for Tamil Nadu, permitting a second wet crop in the traditionally irrigated areas and for a reduction in the water allocations made to Karnataka and Kerala for their various irrigational projects. At the same time, the petitions pleaded, the pre-1974 irrigated acreage under the second crop in all the irrigated areas in Tamil Nadu, should be endorsed and the needed quantum of water for it should be allotted.

Following reports in the media in June 2012 that the Kerala Government is trying to build a dam for the Attappadi irrigation project, I wrote a letter to the then Prime Minister of India on 21.06.2012. In that letter I informed that the Kerala Government should wait when the writ appeals, filed by the Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu Governments in the Supreme Court against the final order of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal and the clarification-seeking petitions in the Tribunal were all pending; till the Tribunal's final order is gazetted; and that it should not take up any project till a decision is known on them. I requested in that letter the Prime Minister's intervention in the matter and an advice to the Kerala Government not to proceed with the proposed Attappadi irrigation project or any other project that is against the final orders of the Tribunal. I also requested that the Central Water Resources Authority be advised not to give any technical clearance to the Kerala Government's plan for construction of a dam.

This was followed by regular despatch of letters from the Tamil Nadu Government to the Central Ministries of water resources and of environment and forest as also to the Kerala Government.

In its letter dated 19.09.2013, the Central Ministry for water resources informed that the Kerala Government had been requested to get the consent of the concerned basin States on the quantum of water to be utilised for the Attappadi Valley project and later the consent of the Cauvery Water Tribunal.

In this situation, the Kerala Government unilaterally requested the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC), under the Central Ministry for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, to give the Standard Terms of Reference for taking up an environment impact evaluation study for the Attapadi Valley project. Kerala Government's request came up for consideration at the 92 meeting of the EAC held on last March 28 and 29. The committee took a decision that Tamil Nadu Government's views should be ascertained and that Kerala Government's request would be examined only after getting the views of Tamil Nadu Government in this regard. Even as the Kerala Government's letter, received on 10.05.2016, was under examination, the Kerala Government, once again, unilaterally approached the EAC, without obtaining Tamil Nadu Government's views, for a favourable decision for this project. At the 96th meeting held on August 11 and 12 last, the issue was not included as an agenda item but was taken up as an additional agenda item and was examined and a decision was taken to recommend the standard terms of reference for the Kerala Government to take up an environment impact evaluation study.

In this situation, I wrote a letter to the Prime Minister on 27.08.2016. In that letter,

I informed the Prime Minister that the EAC had taken a decision without obtaining the Tamil Nadu Government's views, that the Tamil Nadu Government did not receive any letter in this regard from the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and the note that such letters were despatched, mentioned in the minutes of this committee's meeting, was contrary to facts. I also requested the Prime Minister to immediately intervene and advise the Central Ministry for environment, forest and climate change and its agencies to immediately withdraw the EAC's recommendation for grant of the standard terms of reference for this project's environmental impact evaluation study. I had requested that the Union Ministry for Environment, Forest and Climate Change and the Ministry for Water Resources should not permit the Kerala and Karnataka Governments to take up any project till the Cauvery Management Board and Cauvery River Water Regulation Committee come into effect in the Cauvery basin and till the cases pending in Court are disposed of.

In continuation of this and on my orders, the Chief Secretary to Government wrote letters on 30.08.2016 to the Central Ministries of Environment and Water Resources, reiterating the same views. In the letter to the Chief Secretary to Kerala Government, despatched on 30.08.2016, it was once again reiterated that this investigation should not be taken up and that the Kerala Government should not undertake any project or construction of any dam till the Cauvery Management Board and the Cauvery River Water Regulation Committee came into effect and the appeals in the Supreme Court and the clarification petitions in the Tribunal are disposed of.

In these circumstances, I propose the following resolution to request the Central Government not to accept the recommendation of the Union Environment Ministry's Expert Appraisal Committee to grant standard terms of reference for the Attappadi Valley project, made at its 96th meeting and that no permission be given to the Karnataka and Kerala Governments to take up any project till the Cauvery Management Board and the Cauvery River Water Regulation Committee come into effect and the cases pending in courts come to a finality.

RESOLUTION

"Siruvani river originates in the Attapadi Valley in Kerala State, courses its way in that State and drains in the Bhavani river within that State. This river is a sub-tributary of the inter-State river Cauvery. That is why, the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal, in its final order, took into account the water availability in Siruvani river and in the Bhavani basin while allocating waters to the basin States."

"Following media reports in June 2012 that Kerala Government has taken efforts to build a dam for the Attappadi irrigation project, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa wrote a letter to the then Prime Minister on 21.06.2012. In that letter she requested the Prime Minister to advise the Kerala Government not to take up any project till the writ appeals filed by the Governments of Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu in the Supreme Court against the final order of the Cauvery Tribunal as also the clarification petitions in the Tribunal were pending and till the final order of the Tribunal was published in the Central Government gazette and till the court orders were issued; she also requested

that the Central Water Resources Authority should not give any technical clearance. In continuation of this, Tamil Nadu Government sent many letters to the Central Government".

"In its letter to the Tamil Nadu Government dated 19.09.2013, the Central Water Resources Ministry informed that the Kerala Government had been asked to get the consent of the basin States and then get the consent of the Cauvery Tribunal".

"At its 92nd meeting held on March 28 and 29, 2016, the Expert Appraisal Committee of the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, took a decision, on the Kerala Government's request for approval of the Standard Terms of Reference for taking up an environment impact evaluation study for the Attappadi Valley Project, that that Government should get the views of Tamil Nadu Government and that its request would be examined only after getting Tamil Nadu Government's views".

In these circumstances, the Expert Appraisal Committee, at its 96th meeting held on August 11 and 12, 2016, recommended to the Union Ministry for Environment, Forest and Climate Change to grant permission for the Standard Terms of Reference for taking up the environment impact evaluation study".

"This recommendation is contra to the 19.09.2013 letter of the Union Ministry of Water Resources and the Expert Appraisal Committee's own decision taken at its meetings of March 28 and 29. It is regrettable that the Expert Appraisal Committee of the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, had taken this matter as an additional agenda item and given its approval in haste. A note in the minutes of this meeting States that no reply came forth from Tamil Nadu Government even though the Central Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change sent many letters to the Tamil Nadu Government. This is contrary to facts. This House conveys its deep sense of regret for the expression of such a view that is contrary to facts".

This House feels that this has made the Committee act hastily against Tamil Nadu.

"The note says: 'The EAC took note of no responses from the Tamil Nadu State instead of several letters sent from the Government of Kerala and MoEF & CC to the Government of Tamil Nadu....'. This House feels that the hastiness of the Committee is evident from the usage of the words 'instead of' in the place of 'in spite of' ".

"Hence this House strongly urges the Central Government not to endorse the decision of Expert Appraisal Committee of the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, taken at its 96th meeting in respect of recommending grant of standard terms of reference for the Attappadi Valley Project when the consent of Tamil Nadu and Cauvery Tribunal is not obtained as mentioned in the letter of the Central Ministry for Water Resources dated 19.09.2013 and at the 92nd meeting of the Expert Appraisal Committee".

"This House also strongly urges the Central Government not to permit the Kerala, Karnataka Governments to take up any project till the Cauvery Management Board and the Cauvery River Water Regulation Committee come into effect in the Cauvery basin and till the cases in the court come to a finality".

Through the Hon'ble Speaker, I request all the Hon'ble Members to pass this resolution unanimously.

Government Polytechnic for Radhakrishnan Nagar

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Puratchi Thalaivi Selvi J Jayalalithaa inaugurated through video conferencing at the Secretariat on 05.08.2016 a Government Polytechnic College in Dr. Radhakrishnan Nagar. An integrated workshop building, constructed at a cost of Rs.22.77 crore at the Polytechnic College complex at Taramani, college buildings, office buildings, workshop buildings, pavilions and an Evolution Park, all costing Rs.26,58,50,000/- were also declared open.

With a lofty ideal that students in different parts of Tamil Nadu should complete higher education, get employment and attain a good position in life, the Government headed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister started, in the last 5 years, 39 Government, university constituent, Arts and Science Colleges, 11 Government Polytechnic Colleges and 4 Government Engineering Colleges.

In keeping with this, a Polytechnic College has been inaugurated for Dr.Radhakrishnan Nagar. Till a permanent building is constructed at Radhakrishnan Nagar, the college will function from the Polytechnic College at Taramani.

The integrated workshop building at the Polytechnic College Complex at Taramani is a 4-storeyed building, has a built-up area of 1,26,474 sq.ft, houses 40 workshops with separate lifts for workers and goods, rooms for workers and various other facilities including a ramp.

The other buildings declared open are: office buildings for the Regional College Education Joint Directors at Tiruchirappalli (Rs.1.61 crore), at Madurai (Rs.1.37 crore) and at Tirunelveli (Rs.1.61 crore); education and administrative building for the Government Arts and Science College at Kangeyam, Tiruppur District (Rs. 7,97,50,000/-); education and administrative building for the Bharathidasan University constituent Arts and Science College at Vedaranyam, Nagapattinam District (Rs.7.25 crore); a workshop building at the Tamil Nadu Polytechnic College in Madurai (Rs.1.67 crore); a pavilion to display atomic nuclear energy (Rs. 2.40 crore), a pavilion on innovations (Rs. 1 crore) and a pavilion on India's Defence Research (Rs. 1 crore) at Periyar Science Technology Centre, a subsidiary of the Tamil Nadu Science Technology Centre, Chennai and an Evolution Park at the Anna Science Centre Planetarium, Tiruchirappalli (Rs.70 lakh) - all costing Rs.49,35,50,000/-.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also inaugurated 3 Government Arts and Science Colleges at Veerapandi, Theni District, Sathyamangalam, Erode District and at Nagercoil, Kanniyakumari District and 4 Government Polytechnic Colleges at Kadathur, Dharmapuri District, Valangaiman, Tiruvarur District, Ragunathapuram, Thanjavur District and at Kelamangalam, Krishnagiri District.

Chief Minister writes to PM against clearing Cauvery basin projects

D.O.Letter dated 27.08.2016 addressed by **Selvi J Jayalalithaa**,
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to **Shri Narendra Modi**,
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

"I write seeking your urgent intervention to withdraw the recommendations made by the Expert Appraisal Committee for River Valley and Hydroelectric Projects of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, in its meeting held on 11th and 12th August, 2016, for grant of Standard Terms of Reference for conducting an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) study on the proposal of the Government of Kerala to build a Dam across the river Siruvani at Attappady. The Committee has decided to recommend this with out obtaining the necessary comments of the Government of Tamil Nadu in contravention of its own decision in the meeting held on 28th and 29th March, 2016.

The river Siruvani is a sub-tributary of the river Cauvery which is an Inter-State river. As early as on 21.06.2012, I had written to the then Prime Minister to advise the Government of Kerala not to proceed with the Scheme of building a dam of 4.5 TMC ft. across river Siruvani for the Attappady Valley Irrigation Project in violation of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal's Final Order. I had also requested that the Central Water Commission may be advised not to accord technical clearance for Kerala's proposal of building the Dam on the river Siruvani. Subsequently, the Government of Tamil Nadu has written several times both to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, and to the Government of Kerala strongly objecting to the proposed project.

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, has not written to the Government of Tamil Nadu about the proposal or that it would be considered in the 96th meeting of the Expert Appraisal Committee to be held on 11th and 12th August, 2016. The Expert Appraisal Committee has

considered the subject as an additional agenda (Table Agenda) item in the meeting and recommended the grant of Standard Terms of Reference for conducting an Environmental Impact Assessment Study to the Government of Kerala for the Attappady Valley Irrigation Project. It is regrettable that this has been done in unwarranted haste without the subject being part of the regular agenda for the meeting and with no intimation to the Government of Tamil Nadu, despite the earlier correspondence from Tamil Nadu. In the minutes, it has been recorded that the Ministry of Environment and Forests has written to the Government of Tamil Nadu several times, which is factually incorrect.

I would like to point out here that the Governments of Kerala and Karnataka have appealed in the Supreme Court against the Final Order of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal and the Government of Tamil Nadu has also approached the Supreme Court on certain aspects of the said Final Order.

All the Party States including Kerala have also filed clarification petitions before the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal under section 5(3) of the Inter-State River Water Disputes Act, 1956. These petitions are pending. In these circumstances, it is only proper for the Party States to await the formation ofthe Cauvery Management Board and further judicial decisions before initiating any new scheme in the Cauvery Basin or its subbasins.

Under the circumstances, I seek your personal intervention and request you to direct the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to immediately withdraw the recommendation of the Expert Appraisal Committee made in its 96th meeting held on 11th and 12th August, 2016, for grant of Standard Terms of Reference for conducting an Environmental Impact Assessment Study of the Attappady Valley Irrigation Project.

I also request you to advise the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and its Agencies and the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation not to accord any clearance to the projects in the Cauvery Basin of Kerala and Karnataka till the Cauvery Management Board and the Cauvery Water Regulation Committee come into force and judicial references are finally settled.

I look forward to your immediate response in the matter”.

'Keep spirit of compassion alive through memory of Mother Teresa'

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Puratchi Thalaivi **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** on 03.09.2016

It is a matter of great pride for India that Mother Teresa, Bharat Ratna, Nobel Peace Prize awardee and the founder of the Missionaries of Charity, set up with a mission of serving the poorest of the poor, will be canonized and finally known to the world as Saint Teresa after the ceremony to be held in the Vatican on 4th September, 2016.

In Tamil Nadu, an all-Women's State University, the Mother Teresa Women's University was established in 1984 and continues to serve the cause of women's education with the sustained support of the Government of Tamil Nadu.

The Government of Tamil Nadu, under my leadership, has taken inspiration from the work of Mother Teresa and has striven to provide compassionate governance in the State and focus on the most vulnerable and deprived people through a large number of schemes designed for their welfare.

I was truly blessed to receive Mother Teresa at my home on 20th January, 1994, and her presence at the State function on the occasion of the International Women's Day on March 9th, 1994, remains a memorable event in my life. I continue to draw sustenance for my own public service from the life and work of Mother Teresa.

The canonization of Mother Teresa will again highlight the work that she has done amongst the poor and the downtrodden and those who had no one to turn to. Her life and work has inspired many and as Saint Teresa, she will continue to inspire many, many more. The spirit of compassion and selfless service to the most unfortunate, the sick, the dying and the destitute will be greatly bolstered through keeping alive the memory of this great soul.

Nuclear Medicine facility in Government Hospital

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Puratchi Thalaivi Selvi J Jayalalithaa commissioned on 05.08.2016 through video conferencing at the Secretariat, the Rs.4.80 crore Single Photo Emission Computed Tomography - SPECT-CT equipment installed at the Government Multi-Super Speciality Hospital in the Omandurar Govenment Estate. Also, Health Department buildings costing Rs.70,69,95,000/- and 14 Primary Health Centres were declared open. A Rs.2 crore CT Scan at the Ariyalur District Government Headquarters Hospital was commissioned.

With the lofty ideal that high quality medical facilities should be made available to the poor without any interruption, the Government headed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister is implementing many pioneering schemes like strengthening the infrastructure facilities in Government Medical College Hospitals and District headquarters Government hospitals, setting up new Primary Health Centres, recruitment of doctors, medical and non-medical staff, making available quality medical facilities to people in areas not easily accessible near their own places of residence, providing super special medical facilities using technological developments, Amma Baby Kits, Amma Maternity Sanjeevi, Amma Total Body Scan, Amma Women Special Total Body Scan and Women Hygiene Programme.

To provide high class medical service to the poor on par with private hospitals, new medical equipment costing Rs.968 crore were distributed to Government Hospitals in the last 5 years. In that way, the services of the SPECT-CT equipment were inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

Through this equipment, the first-ever in a Government hospital, early detection of diseases that affect heart, lungs, cerebral nerves, liver, bone and kidneys as also the bodily

changes caused by cancer, is possible and appropriate treatment can be given. Through this, opportunities have been created for the poor to get, hereafter, the nuclear medicine facility available only in private hospitals, at the Tamil Nadu Government Multi-Super Speciality Hospital.

Production of anti-venom serum was stopped at the Guindy King Preventive Medicine and Research Institute, Chennai, one of the foremost laboratories in India, from the year 2000. With the intention of reviving the production of anti-snake venom serum and starting the production of vaccines, buildings, costing Rs.16.72 crore have been constructed at the Guindy King Preventive Medicine and Research Institute complex, for production of anti-snake venom serum, quality control section and for blood analysis. The Hon'ble Chief Minister declared open these buildings.

Other buildings opened were: Doctors Quarters for the C.R.R.I. medical interns, men and women at the Chengalpattu Medical College (Rs.6,89,70,000/-), Burns Ward, Anti-Venom treatment ward, modern laundry, smart kitchen, medicine and accessories storage section in the Tiruvallur, Nagapattinam, Ariyalur, Ramanathapuram Districts Headquarters Hospitals and in the Kovilpatti Government Headquarters Hospital (Thoothukudi District), Kumbakonam Government Headquarters Hospital (Thanjavur) and Srivaikuntam Government Hospital (Thoothukudi), Tiruvallur District Joint Director (Health services) office, yoga and naturopathy treatment ward, infectious diseases ward, maternity ward, integrated out-patient ward, surgery and intensive treatment ward, head injuries ward, blood bank, intensive cardiac treatment ward, 24-bed men and women ward, 100 bed general ward buildings (Rs.21.57 crore); 10 upgraded Primary Health Centre buildings, 16 Primary Health Centre new buildings, 17 auxiliary health centre buildings, 7 maternity ward buildings constructed in Primary Health Centres, 9 nurses quarters constructed in Primary Health Centres, quarters for the medical officer constructed at M. Palada Primary Health Centre, Nilgiris District, vaccine godown at the office of the Deputy Director (Health services), Virudhunagar District, laboratory extension buildings constructed at the Banavaram Primary Health Centre, Vellore District and at the Valathi Primary Health Centre, Villupuram District, visitors buildings constructed at the Olakkur and Kiliyanoor Primary Health Centres, Villupuram District, Isolation ward buildings constructed at the Banavaram Primary Health Centre, Vellore District – all of the department of Public Health and Preventive Medicine (Rs.25,51,25,000/-), totally costing Rs.70,69,95,000/-.

The 14 new Primary Health Centres declared open are located at Chettipalayam, Aanaikatti and Somayampalayam, Coimbatore District, Aarampoondi (Villupuram), Cholakaadu (Namakkal), Aravenu and Theppakaadu (Mudumalai) (Nilgiris), Poomparai (Dindigul), Ayyampalayam (Karur), Kumananthozhu (Theni), Aathurkuppam (Barathakovil) (Vellore), Veeradipatti (Pudukkottai), Thiruvengadam (Tirunelveli) and Velliraveli (Tiruppur).

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also commissioned the CT scan equipment installed at the Ariyalur Government District headquarters hospital at a cost of Rs. 2 crore.

Pathbreaking schemes to enhance quality of education further

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Puratchi Thalaivi **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** under Rule 110 in the Legislative Assembly on 23.08.2016 (English Translation)

Hon'ble Speaker,

Good education should be made available to uplift society as a whole. Education is an important factor for the growth of the economy. Hence, my Government is implementing many pioneering schemes for the development of education.

I am very happy to make the following announcements in this House concerning school education.

1. Since Primary and Middle Schools are opened every year as per the needs, the percentage availability of these Schools are respectively 98.30 and 99. To improve this further, 5 new Primary Schools will be opened in the current year. Three Primary Schools will be upgraded as Middle Schools and 19 Middle Schools as high Schools. For the newly opened Primary Schools, 10 Middle level teacher posts will be created; for the upgraded Middle Schools, 9 graduate teacher posts and for the high Schools 95 graduate teacher posts will be created. Infrastructure facilities like necessary class rooms, separate toilets for boy and girl students, drinking water facility and kitchen will be provided. All these will be carried out at a cost of Rs.28.52 crore.

2. In the last 5 years, infrastructure facilities like school buildings, additional class rooms, toilets, drinking water facility, compound wall, kitchen, science laboratory, ramp for the differently-abled, art and craft rooms, computer rooms, library rooms and repairing of class rooms were undertaken at a cost of Rs.4,166 crore. In continuation of this, infrastructure facilities costing Rs. 60.79 crore will be made available this year.

3. Apartments were given in Perumbakkam and Ezhil Nagar areas to those who had lost their houses in the last December deluge in Chennai. A Primary and a Middle school will be opened in each of these localities to help the 564 school-going children in Perumbakkam area and 1,127 such children in Ezhil Nagar area to continue their education near their residence itself.

4. The newly prepared S-ABL (Simple Activity based learning) cards will be issued to 7,000 Government and aided-Government Schools in 10 Districts- Chennai, Kancheepuram, Tiruvallur, Villupuram, Vellore, Cuddalore, Nagapattinam, Thanjavur, Thoothukudi and Krishnagiri – to facilitate easy teaching of lessons. The scheme will be implemented at a cost of Rs. 5 crore.

5. For the last 3 years, woollen shirts are given to students who live in mountain areas and are studying in 1st to 8th standards in Government and Government-aided Schools for protecting their health during rainy and winter seasons. To help these students to reach their Schools in rainy season without any difficulty, a rain coat, a pair of boots and socks will be issued to them additionally. The Government will incur Rs.8 crore expense on account of this.

6. To ensure learning through practicals even at the Primary level of education, maps, as part of the social science lesson, will be issued to students in the 3rd, 4th and 5th standards in Government and Government-aided Schools. Through this, they can learn about the place where they live, directions, surroundings, rivers, mountains, the latitude and longitude details. Likewise, to enhance mathematical knowledge, Math Kits will be issued to 38,030 Government and Government-aided Primary Schools for the benefit of 1st and 2nd standard students and to 8,603 Government and Government-aided Middle Schools for the benefit of 6th to 8th standard students. To catalyse science knowledge in students in classes 3 to 5, Science Tools Kits will be given to 24,103 Government and Government-aided Primary Schools and to 2,900 Government and Government- aided Schools to benefit students in 6th to 8th standards. Books, to hone the reading skills of students in 3rd, 4th and 5th standards and to develop their general knowledge, will be distributed. All these will be implemented at a cost of Rs.46.42 crore.

7. To bring into force internet based education in Schools, my Government has been successfully implementing many schemes. To further encourage this, computer based learning centres, each with 3 computers, will be created in 555 Government Middle Schools for the benefit of 6th, 7th and 8th standard students. Forty thousand students will benefit from this.

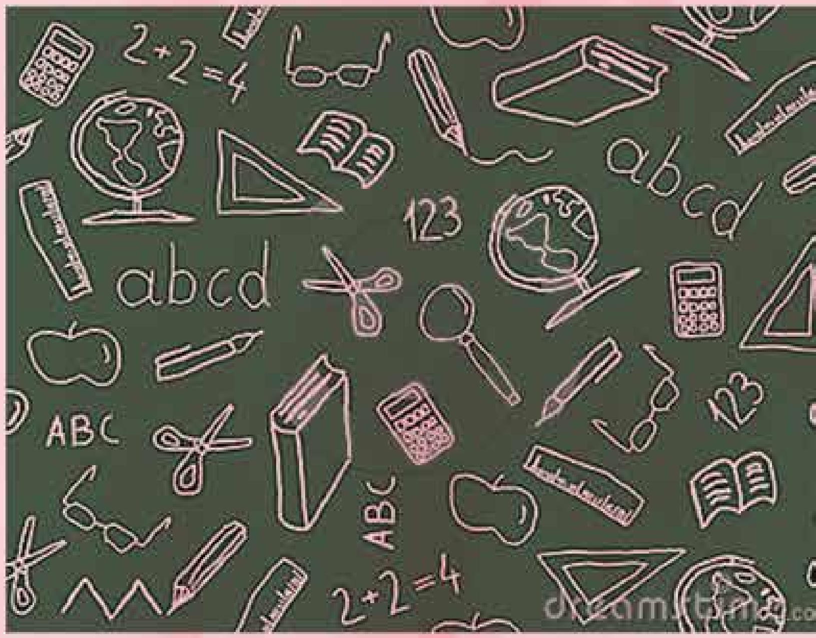
8. Video clips with animation and background voice will be given to Government and Government-aided Schools for the benefit of 6th to 8th standard students so that they can easily understand the tough portions in the science and mathematics lessons. Learning-teaching procedures will be upgraded through

new technology like touch screen, video and multi-media.

9. The present method of attendance register for students and teachers will be changed. For the first time, registering attendance through bio-metric instruments will be introduced. This will cost Rs.45.57 crore.

10. To bring about social awareness among children, competitions will be held in all Government Schools on topics centred around Right to Education Act, Importance of Women's education, gender sensitivity awareness, cleanliness and hygiene. Class walls will be painted with colourful pictures having a bearing on the lessons for students.

11. Virtual class rooms with present day information technology facilities will be created for disseminating to students in Tamil Nadu uniform and quality learning-teaching methods. In the first phase, virtual class rooms will be set up in 770 Government Schools and 11 District Teacher Education Training Institutes. Also, all Schools in rural areas will receive through internet the class room activities conducted in



11 central Teacher Education Training Institutes and this will benefit the students. To implement this scheme effectively, infrastructure facilities including buildings, tools and materials, library and laboratory, will be created at a cost of Rs.33.22 crore in the teacher education and training institutes in the Districts of Coimbatore, Perambalur and Dharmapuri.

12. By way of appreciation, Best Teacher Award is given to teachers with an excellent record of service. The award carries Rs.5,000/- cash, a medal and a citation. To encourage them further, the cash component will be increased to Rs.10,000/-.

I resume my seat, informing that these announcements I have just made will help enhance the quality of school education further.

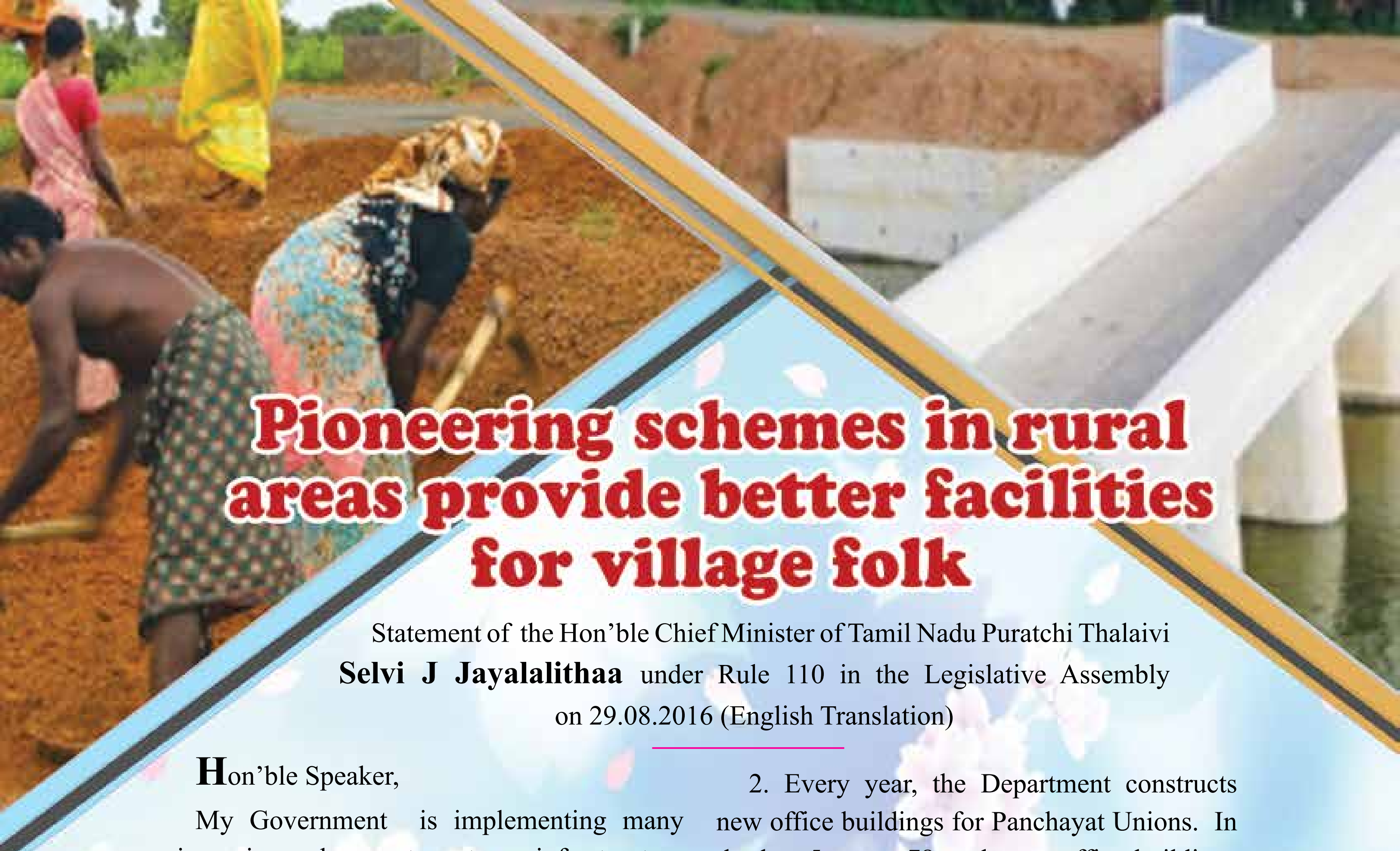
Chief Minister applauds Olympic medal winners, their coaches

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Puratchi Thalaivi
Selvi J Jayalalithaa on 20.08.2016

On behalf of the people of Tamil Nadu and the Government of Tamil Nadu, I congratulate Ms. P V Sindhu and Ms. Sakshi Malik for their outstanding performances in the Olympic Games being held at Rio de Janeiro. They have both done the nation proud by winning a Silver and Bronze medal in Badminton and Freestyle Wrestling respectively. Their hard work, determination and dedication have enabled them to scale such heights of brilliance in their chosen sport. They are a great source of inspiration for athletes and sportspersons all over India.

In particular, they stand forth as a splendid example of what women can achieve when they set their minds to it and they are great role models for young women all over India.

I also congratulate the parents of both Sindhu and Sakshi, their coaches and all other persons who have contributed to their success. ■



Pioneering schemes in rural areas provide better facilities for village folk

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Puratchi Thalaivi **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** under Rule 110 in the Legislative Assembly on 29.08.2016 (English Translation)

Hon'ble Speaker,

My Government is implementing many pioneering schemes to set up infrastructure facilities in rural areas so that rural people get all basic facilities.

I am very happy to make the following announcements in this House in respect of the Department of Rural Development and Panchayat:-

1. For the first time, a new Rs. 800 crore scheme, 'Tamil Nadu Rural Road Development Scheme' was implemented in 2015-2016. The scheme aimed at upgrading mud roads in Village Panchayats into BT roads, strengthening BT roads, renewing and maintaining slightly damaged BT roads.

In the current year, 900 km long mud roads will be upgraded as BT roads. Highly damaged 1,400 KM long BT roads will be repaired. Slightly damaged 1,200 KM long BT roads will be renewed. All these will be executed at a cost of Rs.800 crore. This will help farmers market their produce easily and village economy will develop.

2. Every year, the Department constructs new office buildings for Panchayat Unions. In the last 5 years, 78 such new office buildings were constructed at a cost of Rs.148.25 crore. This year, 10 new office buildings for Panchayat Unions will be constructed at a cost of Rs.27 crore.

3. Individual and group wells will be dug up at places where the ground water level is high for improving irrigation facilities to private agricultural lands and thereby increasing the acreage under cultivation.

This year, 250 individual wells will be set up in the lands of Adi Dravidar, Scheduled Tribes, small and micro farmers at a cost of Rs.8 lakh each (total cost Rs.20 crore); where there is scarcity of space, farmers will be divided into groups, with a minimum of 3 farmers in a group and 250 group wells will be sunk on Government lands at a cost of Rs.12 lakh each (total cost Rs.30 crore). Totally 500 wells will be dug up at a cost of Rs.50 crore. This will irrigate dry lands in rural areas, increase

the acreage under cultivation and improve the livelihood of the farmers.

4. In rural areas 'Anganwadi' Centres are constructed for creating proper environment for the intellectual development of children from 6 months to 6 years of age. These centres perform health check up for adolescent girls and pregnant women and also create awareness about disease resistance and health education. This year, 1,000 anganwadi centres will be constructed at a cost of Rs.7 lakh each (total cost Rs.70 crore). This will help children learn from airy and safe places with more facilities.

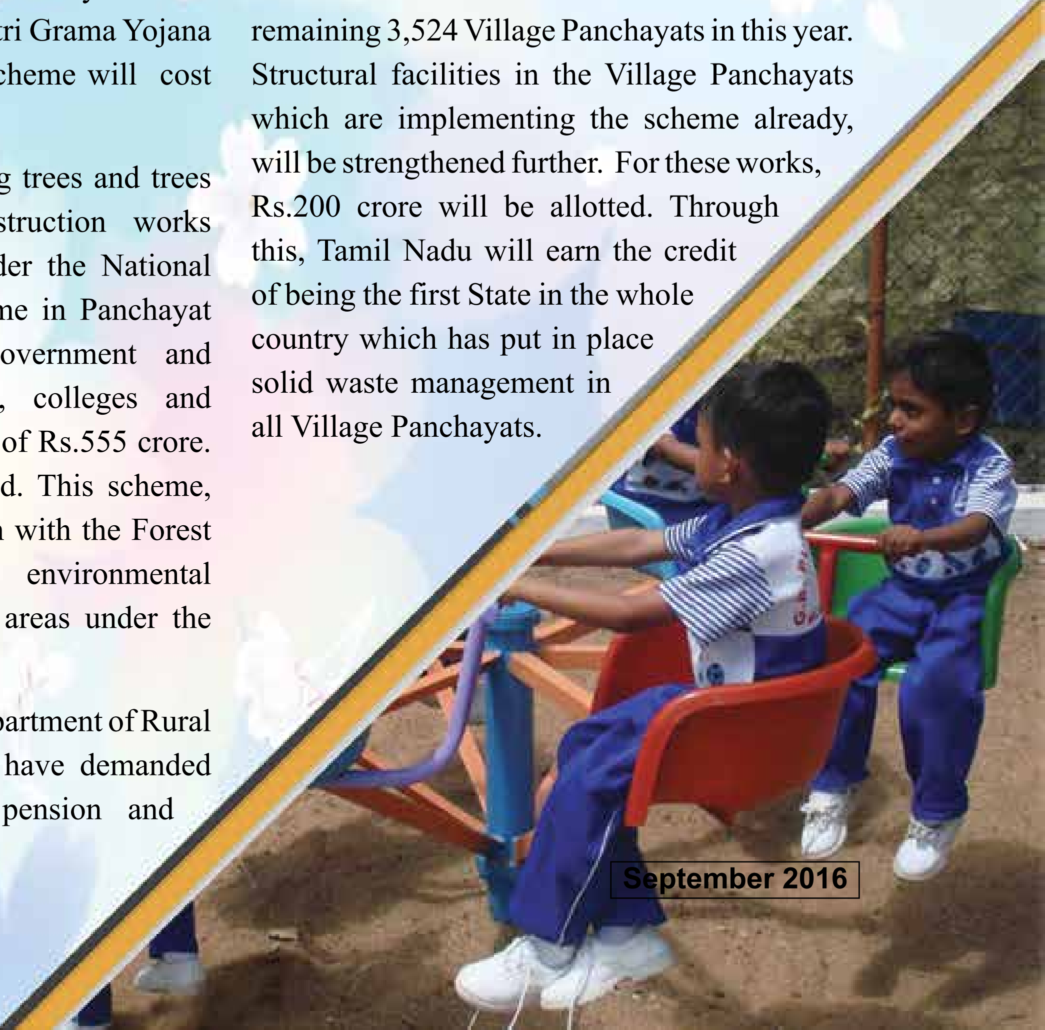
5. For greening the rural areas, trees yielding fruit and cattle fodder and trees of commercial value will be planted on either side of the roads. These trees will prevent soil erosion and provide consistent additional income to Panchayats. This year, 20 lakh tree saplings will be planted to a length of 10,000 KMs on either side of the Panchayat, Panchayat Union roads and on the Pradhan Mantri Grama Yojana roads and maintained. The scheme will cost Rs. 195.20 crore.

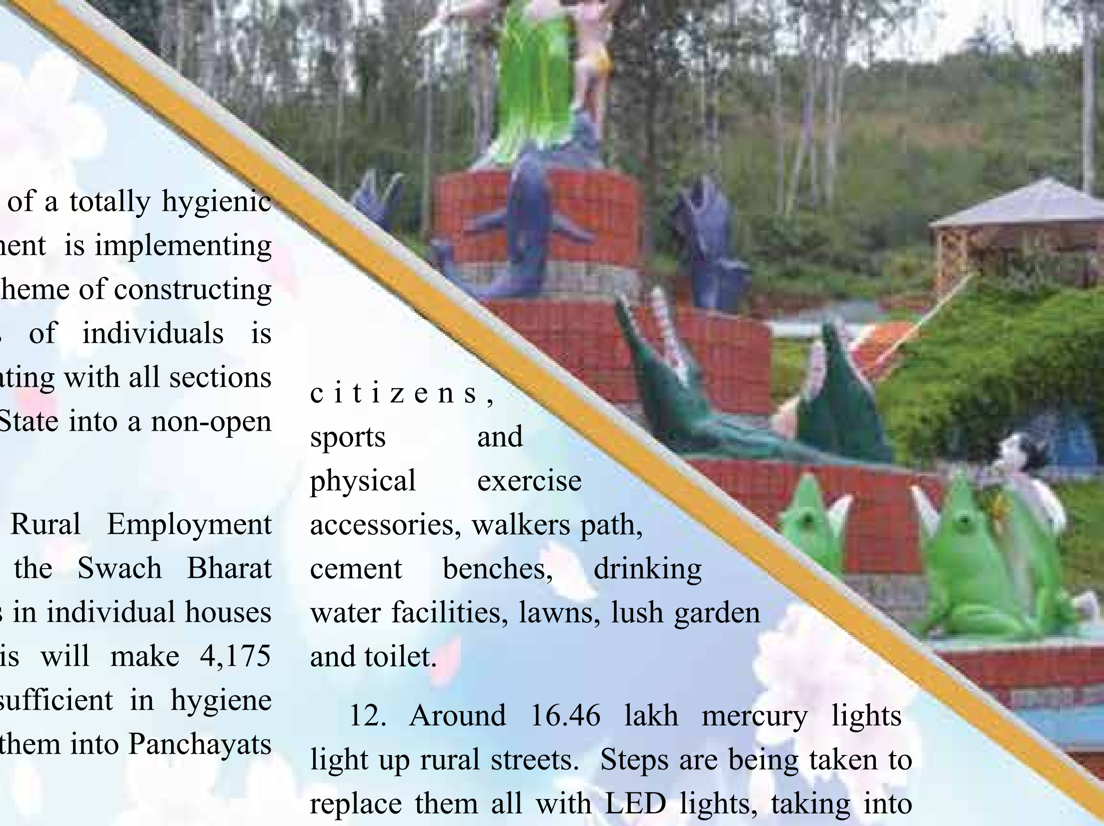
6. Saplings of fruit yielding trees and trees yielding materials for construction works will be planted this year under the National Employment Guarantee scheme in Panchayat lands, Government lands, Government and private institutions, schools, colleges and other suitable places at a cost of Rs.555 crore. They will also be maintained. This scheme, implemented in co-ordination with the Forest Department, will protect environmental equilibrium and bring rural areas under the green belt.

7. Various Unions in the Department of Rural Development and Panchayat have demanded enhanced special monthly pension and gratuity to Secretaries of Village Panchayats at the time of their superannuation. Acceding to their request, the gratuity given at the time of retirement will be increased from Rs.50,000/- to Rs.60,000/- and the special pension from Rs.1,000/- to Rs.1,500/-.

8. My Government continues to give importance for clean and hygienic maintenance of Village Panchayats. From 2015, 'Sanitary Inspectors' are engaged, under the Solid Waste Management Scheme, for collection, segregation into degradable and non-degradable waste and for their safe removal. The scheme is in operation in 9,000 Village Panchayats. Basic structural facilities like tri-cycles/ push carts, bins and sheds for segregation have been set up in these panchayats for collection, segregation, safe removal and re-cycling of the solid wastes.

The scheme has become a model for other States. The scheme will be extended to the remaining 3,524 Village Panchayats in this year. Structural facilities in the Village Panchayats which are implementing the scheme already, will be strengthened further. For these works, Rs.200 crore will be allotted. Through this, Tamil Nadu will earn the credit of being the first State in the whole country which has put in place solid waste management in all Village Panchayats.





9. To achieve the goal of a totally hygienic Tamil Nadu, my Government is implementing pioneering schemes. A scheme of constructing toilets in the houses of individuals is implemented by co-ordinating with all sections of people for turning the State into a non-open defecation one.

Under the National Rural Employment Guarantee scheme and the Swach Bharat scheme, 15.17 lakh toilets in individual houses will be constructed. This will make 4,175 Village Panchayats self-sufficient in hygiene in a greater way and turn them into Panchayats free of open defecation.

10. The THAI (Tamil Nadu Village Habitation Improvement) scheme which takes the hamlet as the basic unit for growth index, is in operation in the State for the last 5 years.

Under the 'THAI' scheme, minor irrigation tanks under the maintenance of Panchayat Unions are rehabilitated in a comprehensive way. The lakes are cleared of thorny bushes, de-silted with machines and the banks strengthened with new weirs and kalangals. This will help remove drinking water shortage, raise the ground water table, retrieve the full storage level in minor irrigation tanks and save and regulate water for drinking water and agricultural needs.

This year, 1,200 minor irrigation tanks will be rehabilitated at a cost of Rs.300 crore. This will increase the storage levels in the tanks and the ground water table. Acreage under agriculture in rural areas will increase, paving the way for improving the rural economy.

11. In Village Panchayats, 500 'Amma Parks' will be set up this year at a cost of Rs.100 crore. These parks will have recreational avenues for children, women and senior citizens, sports and physical exercise accessories, walkers path, cement benches, drinking water facilities, lawns, lush garden and toilet.

12. Around 16.46 lakh mercury lights light up rural streets. Steps are being taken to replace them all with LED lights, taking into account the aspects of proper maintenance, long durability of the lights and cutting down expenses on electricity.

The work of replacing 8.24 lakh tube lights in rural areas with LED lights at a cost of Rs.300 crore is in progress. Replacement of the remaining 8.22 lakh tube lights with LED lights will be completed at a cost of Rs.300 crore this year.

13. Five hundred 'Amma Gyms' will be set in rural areas at a cost of Rs.10 lakh each (total cost Rs.50 crore) for the rural youth to develop their physical and mental prowess.

14. Women's economic development is possible through the extension of adequate and timely credit at low interest rates by the banks to Self Help Groups. In the last 5 years, banks have given loans to the tune of Rs.26,460 crore for the economic development of women SHG members. Steps will be taken for arranging Rs.6,000 crore bank loans for SHGs this year.

I wish to state that these announcements will ensure the required basic facilities to the rural people besides improving their standard of life.

Immediate release sought of 32 persons arrested in Andhra Pradesh

D.O. letter dated 06.08.2016 addressed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa**, to **Shri Nara Chandrababu Naidu**, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh.

"I write to you to bring to your attention a matter of deep concern regarding the arrest of 32 persons from Tiruvannamalai, Vellore and Chennai Districts of Tamil Nadu in Chittoor District of Andhra Pradesh. It is also learnt that these 32 persons were remanded to custody on 06.08.2016. It is reported that these persons were travelling from Chennai to Tirupati by Garudadri Express when they were arrested by the Andhra Pradesh Police at Renigunta Railway Station. It is also learnt that these 32 persons have been charged under Sections 109 & 120B Indian Penal Code, 1860, and Section 20(1)(d) of the Andhra Pradesh Forest Act,1967, and subsequently remanded to custody and are lodged in Chittoor Jail. These persons, who were only passengers in a train have been arrested on the suspicion of alleged forest related offences. It is not clear how they have been accused of forest related offences when they were nowhere near the forest.

I request you to urgently intervene in the matter and facilitate their immediate release. I am also deputing two advocates of the Government of Tamil Nadu to liase with your officers in securing the immediate release of the 32 innocent persons from Tamil Nadu".

Vinayaka Chathurthi Greetings

Vinayaka Chathurthi greetings of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Puratchi Thalaivi **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** on 04.09.2016 *(English Translation)*

Lord Vinayaka is the symbol of Om. I extend my hearty greetings to all those who happily celebrate the day of His advent as Vinayaka Chathurthi Day.

Lord Vinayaka shines as Ganapathy, the Leader of all 'Ganaas' (celestial followers) and as Vigneshwara, the remover of all obstacles. It is the religious belief of people that if He is worshipped, prosperity and wisdom will abound, the root cause of all sufferings, 'karma' will vanish and all good deeds will be completed without any hindrance. The fourth day of the Tamil month Aavani in the period of waxing moon is the day of the advent of Lord Vinayaka, the first and foremost God. People joyously celebrate the day with devotion as the Vinayaka Chathurthi day.

Like the 'Karpaga Tharu' (Wish fulfilling Tree), the Elephant-faced God fulfills all the desires of all. Let love and peace prevail in the world; let prosperity and welfare flourish out of His Grace. With these wishes, I once again extend my Vinayaka Chathurthi greetings.

Schemes galore that tackle every need of fisherfolk

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Puratchi Thalaivi **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** under Rule 110 in the Legislative Assembly on 24.08.2016 (English Translation)

Hon'ble Speaker,

For the economic development of fishermen, my Government has been implementing many different schemes like welfare schemes for them, improving infrastructure facilities and protecting the fisheries resources.

In the last 5 years, 35 fish landing centres and 7 fishing harbours have been upgraded. Fish landing centres at 14 more places and 3 fishing harbours are under construction. Also various infrastructure development works are being carried out to increase inland fisheries.

I am happy to make the following new announcements connected with fisheries sector in this House:

1. We have pledged in our election manifesto that great importance will be laid on inland fish production. In 2010-2011, inland fish production in Tamil Nadu was 1.71 lakh tonnes. Now, it has increased to 2.4 lakh tonnes. Steps will be taken to boost this production to 4.5 lakh tonnes. Action will be initiated to produce required quantity of fish fingerlings for this. The fish seed and rearing farms under the control of the Fisheries Department at 6 places – Bhavanisagar (Erode District), Agarapettai and Thirumangalakottai (Thanjavur), Nallikottai (Tiruvarur), Manjalaaru (Theni) and Manimutharu (Tirunlelveli) – will be upgraded this year at a cost of Rs.13.65 crore. This will enable additional production of about 2 crore fish fingerlings.

2. Fish landing centres with facilities for marine fishermen to harbour their fishing vessels in safety, for landing the fish catches in a hygienic manner, fish auctioning hall, fishing net repair centre and refrigerated godown will be set up at a cost of Rs.9.77 crore at 5 places – Pazhaverkaadu (Tiruvallur District), Jambavaanodai (Tiruvarur), Karaiyurtheru (Thanjavur), Kombuthurai (Thoothukudi) and Morpanai (Ramanathapuram). These landing centres can help safe-harbouring of 1,379 country boats.

3. After the 2004 Tsunami and the 'Neelam' and 'Thane' cyclones, it has become difficult to gauge correctly the water flow in the sea

and the impact of waves. This has resulted in the formation of sand bars in harbours and in bar mouths of rivers, handicapping marine fishermen sailing into the sea.

Hence, in the last 5 years, de-silting and maintenance works were undertaken in 5 river mouths. In the current year, such works will be taken up at 3 fishing harbours – Muthunagar (Cuddalore District), Pazhayaaru and Nagapattinam (Nagapattinam) – and at 3 river mouths –Vellaru (Cuddalore), Pazhayaaru and Vettaru (Nagapattinam) – at a cost of Rs.18.30 crore.

4. The Chetpet lake at the centre of Chennai Metro was rejuvenated and a green park was created at a cost of Rs.42 crore with the facilities for recreational line-fishing, walkers' path, boating, children's playground and multi-storeyed vehicle parking lot. This was inaugurated by me on 27.02.2016. People have greatly welcomed the creation of this park which can recharge the ground water table also.

To further attract the visitors, an aquarium with solar panels and a Virtual Reality Centre on the air-conditioned dome to screen 3D video clips, will be set up at a cost of Rs.6.75 crore in the current year.

5. A training centre with accommodation facility and a central kitchen to prepare various kinds of fish culinaries conducive to the concept 'ready to cook and ready to eat' will be set up at a cost of Rs.8.32 crore in the Kasimedu region through the Tamil Nadu Fisheries Development Corporation. The training centre will train members of fisherwomen self help groups in preparing varieties of fish food articles, thus creating employment opportunities for them and for the people to get protein rich, qualitative and tasty fish dishes. Also, two modern mobile restaurants will be commissioned at Chennai and Mamallapuram at a cost of Rs.1.15 crore to make available to people hygienic marine fish dishes at a fair price.

6. My Government is implementing many training programmes and schemes to help youth in the fishermen community who have studied upto 12th standard, to get recruited in fisheries connected Departments. However, educated youths in fishermen community are not able to enter the services of Indian Coast Guard Force and the Indian Navy despite their physical fitness, as they lack proper guidance and training.

Hence, by providing special training to select youths in the fishermen community who have studied 12th standard and more, they can be made to easily pass the qualifying examinations conducted by the Indian Coast Guard and the Indian Navy and get employed in them. So, every year, 300 fishermen youths will be given training for 3 months. During the training period, they will be given a stipend of Rs.1,000/- per month. This scheme will be implemented at a cost of Rs.1.04 crore.

I wish to state that these schemes announced by me now will improve the fishing infrastructure facilities as also the livelihood of fishermen.

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Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Puratchi Thalaivi **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** distributed at the Secretariat on 05.08.2016, high incentive amounts totalling to Rs.1.20 crore to 4 medal winners at the World School Games held at Trabzon city, Turkey from July 11 to 18, 2016.

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Puratchi Thalaivi **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** paid floral tribute to a portrait of Thanthai Periyar on 17.09.2016 to mark his 138th birth anniversary.

New schemes aplenty for facilities in urban areas

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Puratchi Thalaivi **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** under Rule 110 in the Legislative Assembly on 29.08.2016 *(English Translation)*

Hon'ble Speaker,

My Government is constantly implementing many schemes to provide necessary basic facilities and create needed infrastructure facilities for the growing urban population. I am very happy to announce in this House the new schemes to be implemented this year in urban areas.

1. Municipalities and Municipal Corporations set apart, on an average 25 per cent of their revenue to meet the expense on the electricity bill of street lights. Hence, by way of reducing the expenditure on electricity, my Government has taken steps to change all the street lights into LED lights.

In the first phase, the work of replacing the mercury tube lights with LED lights in 10 Municipal Corporations, in 19 Municipalities in Tiruppur zone and in 18 Municipalities in Thanjavur zone is going on.

This year, in Dindigul Municipal corporation and in all the remaining Municipalities, all street lights will be converted into LED lights. This scheme will be implemented at a cost of Rs.320 crore with private participation.

This will cut down the expenditure on electricity by 35 per cent.

2. The Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation is implemented with Central and State Government participation. Under this scheme, drinking water improvement works will be taken up in the Corporations of Greater Chennai, Coimbatore, Erode, Madurai, Tiruppur, Thanjavur and Vellore and in the Municipalities of Nagercoil, Rajapalayam, Ambur and Hosur at a cost of Rs.3,229.23 crore. Underground drainage scheme works in Velankanni Town Panchayat will also be implemented at a cost of Rs.23.32 crore.

3. My Government gives utmost importance to cleanliness and clean environment. Special funds are given for the financially weak local bodies for taking up solid waste management works. So far 878 works, costing Rs.746.36 crore have been taken up in 80 Panchayats and 153 works are completed. In continuation of this, solid waste management scheme will be executed in Tiruchirappalli Corporation and 36 Municipalities at a cost of Rs.116 crore.

4. My Government has decided to set up 'Hostels for Short Term Stay' as there is no low

rent accommodation for relatives and assistants of poor patients undergoing treatment in Government Hospitals as in-patients.

In the first phase 23 such hostels will be set up at a cost of Rs.11.62 crore in the Districts of Chennai, Tiruchirappalli, Tirunelveli, Madurai, Cuddalore, Thanjavur, Krishnagiri, Salem, Virudhunagar, Tiruvannamalai, Kancheepuram, Dindigul, Erode and Coimbatore. These hostels will charge very low rent.

5. Underground drainage works were taken up in 5 Corporations and 49 Municipalities in Tamil Nadu. Of these, 30 schemes have been completed. The rest are in various stages of progress. This year, the underground drainage scheme will be implemented in Mettupalayam Municipality at a cost of Rs.91.70 crore with financial assistance from German Development Bank. The implementation of the scheme will prevent pollution of Bhavani river by sewage water.

6. For the total elimination of open defecation, 1,25,352 individual house latrine units will be constructed this year at a cost of Rs. 150.42 crore in Corporations and Municipalities. Also, 2,184 community toilets seats will be constructed at a cost of Rs.21.40 crore.

7. An awareness programme to prevent open defecation will be taken up in all urban local bodies at a cost of Rs.57.14 crore. Propagandists will be appointed to disseminate among people the health hazards of open defecation, the ways to reduce solid wastes and re-cycling of solid wastes.

8. A second-level Treatment Plant is being set up in Erode Corporation to treat the water coming out of the Sewage Treatment Plant. A third- level Treatment Plant with a 20 MLD capacity Reverse Osmosis equipment will be set up at a cost of Rs.62.20 crore with public-private participation for re-cycling and re-use of the water coming out of the second-level Treatment plant. The water thus purified will be supplied for industrial use.

Likewise, in Perambalur Municipality, a third-level Treatment plant with 2.50 MLD capacity Reverse Osmosis plant will be set up at a cost of Rs.12.60 crore under the public-private participation mode. This plant will treat, for re-cycling and re-use, the treated water at the second-level plant which in turn gets the water from the 4.20 MLD capacity Sewage Treatment Plant.

9. Steps will be taken up for construction of storm water drainage at a cost of Rs.73.06 crore in the Thoothukudi Municipal Corporation areas of Sankaraperi, Pandarampatti, Meelavittan and Muthiapuram, which were the worst affected by floods in the last North-East Monsoon period.

Likewise, in the Cuddalore town areas, storm water drainage will be set up to a length of 83.67 KM in the highly inundation prone 15 wards.

10. I announced the Sustainable Water Security Mission in 2015 and it was implemented in the Chennai Metro areas. Works taken up under this Mission include harvesting of rain water from roof tops, compounds of houses, storm water drainage, rehabilitation and rejuvenation of water bodies, reducing water use in kitchen and bathroom and creating social awareness. This scheme will be taken up in all urban areas at a cost of Rs. 20 crore.

11. For total elimination of open defecation in Town Panchayats, 90,150 individual toilets will be constructed at a cost of Rs.108.18 crore. Also, community toilets with 2,620 seats will be constructed at a cost of Rs.17.03 crore.

As a result of the announcements I have made now, I wish to State that basic facilities in urban areas will improve leading to clean urban landscape.

Own building for two more RTOs

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Puratchi Thalaivi **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** under Rule 110 in the Legislative Assembly on 01.09.2016 (English Translation)

Hon'ble Speaker,

People have to go to the Regional Transport offices for various types of works like getting driving licence, registration of new vehicles, RC book for transport vehicles, renewal of RC books, no tax due certificate, permission for re-registration, no objection certificate and overseas driving licence. Hence Road Transport Offices have been modernised and the various services offered have been computerised.

I am very happy to make fresh announcements in this House in respect of Transport Department.

1. There are no adequate facilities in Regional Transport Offices (RTOs) functioning from rented buildings. Hence, own buildings were constructed in the last 5 years for 4 RTOs and 5 Area offices. Own buildings will be constructed at a cost of Rs.5.88 crore for the Poonamallee and Tiruppur (North) RTO offices, now functionig from rented buildings.

2. Own buildings will be constructed at a cost of Rs.4.22 crore for the area offices functioning from rented buildings at Iluppur, Pudukkottai District, Ambur (Vellore) and Musiri (Tiruchirappalli). ■

Onam Greetings

Onam greetings of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Puratchi Thalaivi **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** on 13.09.2016 *(English Translation)*

I extend my Onam greetings to all Malayalam speaking people who are happily celebrating Thiruvonam Day.

To destroy King Mahabali's pride, Thirumaal (God Vishnu), incarnated Himself as Vaamanan, beseeched a gift of three feet of soil from the king, measured the entire earth by one foot, the heavens by the second and was about to push the king into the nether world by placing the third foot on his head. Before doing that, He conceded the request of King Mahabali that he be allowed to visit his people once a year. Onam is celebrated by way of receiving the King when he visits them on Thiruvonam Day in the Tamil month Aavani every year.

Malayalam speaking people celebrate the 10-day Onam festival with eclat. During these days, people decorate the frontage of their houses with flowery 'Atthappoo kolams', dress themselves up in new clothes, enjoy the tasty Onam feast, stage dance performances like 'pulikali' and 'kaikottukali' and conduct sports events like tug of war, 'kalari' and boat-rowing with great enthusiasm.

Wishing the people on this Thiruvonam Day a life free of pride, hunger, disease, enmity and one of equality, brotherhood and unity, I once again extend my hearty Onam greetings. ■

Chief Minister greets Adventure Awardee

Congratulatory letter dated 29.08.2016 addressed by **Selvi J Jayalalithaa,** Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to Thiru. B. Rajkumar, who has been selected by the Government of India for the "Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award" 2015, for Air Adventure.

"I am delighted to learn that based on the recommendation of the Government of Tamil Nadu, you have been selected by the Government of India for the "Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award" 2015, for Air Adventure. This award is in recognition of your splendid achievements as a sky diver.

I congratulate you and all those who have contributed to your success. I do hope this award will encourage you to work even harder to achieve higher goals in future and you would be able to bring many more laurels to the country and Tamil Nadu in future."

Web offset machine for High Court work

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
Puratchi Thalaivi **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** under Rule 110 in the Legislative Assembly on 30.08.2016 (English Translation)

Hon'ble Speaker,

The Department of Stationery and Printing is fulfilling excellently all the printing requirements of the Government inclusive of Governor's Address, Budget, proceedings of the Legislative Assembly, policy notes, hand books, forms and registers, gazette publications and Government calendar.

Works of infrastructure facilities and procurement of new machinery for Government printing press continue.

A branch of the Government press is functioning from the campus of the Madras High Court from 1923 onwards for fulfilling the printing needs of the High Court. The Cause List issued daily by the High Court, the weekly and monthly Cause Lists, 708 types of Forms needed for the use of the High Court and registers are all printed here. The Web offset machine in the printing press is 25 years old and hence there is difficulty in completing the day-to-day printing work in time. To print the 400-page cause list issued in the evening every day and other matters without any delay, a new web off-set printing machine with modern technology will be procured for this printing unit at a cost of Rs.1.35 crore.

This step of my Government, I wish to state, will help this High Court branch of the printing press to execute the printing works speedily, neatly, in good quality and the most modern manner.

Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Puratchi Thalaivi **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** declared open at the Secretariat on 05.08.2016, 23 power sub-stations of the Energy Department erected at a cost of Rs.242,25,96,000/- and inaugurated the online service of the Tamil Nadu Electricity Generation and Distribution Corporation for getting low tension power connections.

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Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Puratchi Thalaivi **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** inaugurated at the Secretariat on 05.08.2016, the web portals of the Tamil Nadu State Residents Data Hub and that of the Tamil Nadu Geographical Information System. The two portals are created by the Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency at a cost of Rs.30.25 crore and Rs. 1,32 ,80,000/- respectively.

Computerisation makes filing CT namoonas, Registration a breeze

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
Puratchi Thalaivi **Selvi J Jayalalithaa**
in the Legislative Assembly under Rule 110 on 31.08.2016 *(English Translation)*

Hon'ble Speaker,

The Commercial Tax and Registration Departments play an important role in mobilising revenue for developmental works and for taking up schemes for the people. For the development and growth of these two Departments that are very much supportive of the efforts to take Tamil Nadu in the path of growth, my Government has been implementing many pioneering schemes.

I am very happy to make new announcements in this House in regard to these Departments.

1. The Tamil Nadu Traders Welfare Board is implementing various welfare schemes like family, medical and educational assistance. Small-time traders who have not registered themselves under the Tamil Nadu Value Added Tax Act but carry on trade with licence issued by local bodies, are also members of this Board. In 2012, the consolidated fund of this

Board was raised from Rs.2 crore to Rs. 5 crore. The interest proceeds of this fund are utilised for the implementation of welfare schemes.

Our Election manifesto promised to raise this fund from Rs.5 crore to Rs.10 crore. By way of honouring this promise, the fund will be increased to Rs.10 crore. Trader-members of the Board will benefit from this measure.

2. All the services of the Commercial Tax Department have been computerised through a software " e-C Tax". A Help Centre will be located in all the 228 Commercial Tax offices for removing the difficulties of goods carrier operators and small-time traders who don't have the computer facility, in uploading their monthly 'namoonaas' and in filling up and presenting online forms for the goods they transit. No separate fee will be collected for this service from the traders.

Also, arrangements will be made to get services, on a fee, from the 486 e-seva centres run by the Tamil Nadu Government Cable Corporation. The services offered include registration to get the Commercial Tax Department's new internet service, the new registration certificate and to download the e-chalan for remitting the tax in banks and other forms of the Department.

3. In the last 5 years, 33 buildings comprising 64 Commercial Tax offices were constructed for providing additional facilities to employees and traders, creating a conducive ambience for employees to work and taking into account the need for own buildings. This year, integrated Commercial Tax buildings comprising 9 Commercial Tax offices will be constructed at Krishnagiri, Namakkal and Palani at a cost of Rs. 6.77 crore.

4. In the Registration Department, all procedures connected with registration will be computerised. A software has been developed for this and it is under trial in 20 offices. This software will be installed in all the Department's offices in the State for carrying out registration works. The implementation of this scheme will facilitate the drafting of the documents by the general public on their own by using the 'template' facility and submitting them to the sub-registrar offices concerned through internet. After getting the attestation of the document through the thumb impression of the executors, as well as their mobile and aadhar numbers, SMS will be sent. This will prevent registration of fake documents and impersonation. Arrangements will be made for on-line issue of certified copies of the registered documents if applied online remitting the required fee. It will also facilitate verification of property ownership details maintained by the Revenue Department, through the Net itself. As the Revenue Department too can see the registration details in the Net, changes in the patta can be done speedily.

I wish to state that these announcements will greatly benefit traders, general public and office employees. ■

New building for Observation Home

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
Puratchi Thalaivi **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** in the Legislative Assembly
under Rule 110 on 30.08.2016 *(English Translation)*

Hon'ble Speaker

I am happy to make the following announcements on behalf of the Social Welfare Department in this House.

Juveniles not released on bail by the Juvenile Courts in criminal cases are sent to Observation Homes for temporary stay. There are 6 Government observation homes and one run by an NGO in Tamil Nadu.

1. As the Observation Home building at Kellys, Chennai is damaged, a new building, with all facilities will be constructed on a 1,000 sq. metre area at a cost of Rs.2.50 crore. This building will have all infrastructure facilities to inculcate good conduct in the inmates. It will have rooms for stay, a dining hall with a kitchen, a craft training hall and class rooms.

2. The feeding grant for senior citizens in Old Age Homes run by NGOs with State Government's financial assistance, will be increased from Rs. 300/- to Rs.1,200/-.

3. Under the Social Welfare Department, 9 Government Service Homes are run in the Districts of Chennai, Cuddalore, Thanjavur, Salem, Sivagangai, Madurai, Tirunelveli, Perambalur and Krishnagiri. The income ceiling for eligibility to stay in these Homes is Rs. 24,000/- per year.

Likewise, a family income ceiling of Rs.24,000/- per year is fixed for eligibility for admission of girl students in middle-level teacher training institutes and to get the benefit out of schemes like Sathyavanimuthu Ammaiyar Memorial Sewing Machine Distribution scheme. This family income ceiling will be increased to Rs. 72,000/- per year from Rs. 24.000/-. More people will benefit by this.

Rs. 82.54 crore polythene film unit at Ulundurpet for better milk packets

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
Puratchi Thalaivi **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** in the Legislative Assembly
under Rule 110 on 29.08.2016. (English Translation)

Hon'ble Speaker,

With the interests of milk producers in mind, my Government has been implementing many schemes.

In the last 5 years, the milk processing capacity has been increased to 8.35 lakh litres of milk per day; the refrigeration capacity to 7.30 lakh litres of milk per day. Besides, cold storage facility of the order of 7.30 lakh litres of milk per day is set up in many dairy farms. At Tiruvannamalai, a 20-tonne capacity milk powder production unit has been set up. All these have boosted up per day procurement of milk in the current year to 29.32 lakh litres. On 27.06.2016, a record procurement of 31.39 lakh litres of milk was achieved.

I am happy to make the following announcements in this House in respect of dairy development:-

1. Polythene film is procured from the private sector for production of packets for milk. Sometimes, it is of inferior quality. To avert this problem, steps will be taken for the manufacture of quality polythene film. A polythene film manufacturing unit with a capacity to manufacture 5,000 tonnes of film per year will be set up at Ulundurpet, Villupuram District at a cost of Rs. 82.54 crore.

2. Required infrastructure facilities will be created to improve the capacity of the dairy farm of the Nilgiris District Milk Producers' Co-operative Union. Also, modern milk parlours will be opened. Steps will be taken to procure refrigeration vans. All these will be undertaken at a cost of Rs. 4.82 crore.

3. At the dairy farm of the Salem District Milk Producers' Co-operative Union, high-temperature processed milk and its by-products are produced. In the interest of consumers, machinery having the facility of Helicap applicator, for the production of one litre tetrapack satchets, with a shelf-life of 6 months, will be set up at a cost of Rs.27.51 crore.

4. The handling capacity of Madurai dairy farm is on an average 2.60 lakh litres of milk per day. To develop the effluent treatment plant in this farm, conserve power and improve infrastructure facilities, machinery to treat the effluents, solar panels, transformers and machinery to package butter will be set up at a cost of Rs.13 crore.

5. The 452 Government quarters in the Madhavaram Dairy Farm complex, Chennai will be repaired and renovated at a cost of Rs. 4 crore as they are pre-1962 buildings and are in a damaged condition.

6. A new pension scheme will be implemented for the workers of the Tamil Nadu Milk Producers' Co-operative Federation and District Co-operative Milk Producers' Unions as also for the present pensioners from these bodies. The new monthly pension will be the present pension plus Rs.3,500/-. Family pension will be 50 per cent of the pension. This will impose an expense of Rs. 27 crore per year.

7. Medical facility and Health Insurance scheme, now enjoyed by Government servants, will be extended to workers in Tamil Nadu Milk Producers' Co-operative Federation and District Milk Producers Co-operative Unions. This will cost the Government Rs.1.69 crore in a year.

Sri Krishna's teachings make for Peace and Happiness

Krishna Jayanthi message of
the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
Puratchi Thalaivi **Selvi J Jayalalithaa**
on 24.08.2016 (English Translation)

I extend my hearty Sri Krishna Jayanthi greetings to all who celebrate the advent of Sri Krishna, an avatar of, Lord Mahavishnu, the Preserver.

Bhagavan Sri Krishna said: 'Whenever righteousness wanes, I incarnate myself in this world'. People happily celebrate this day of his birth by adorning children in the likes of Krishna, fixing from the threshold of the house to the pooja mandapam the batter-soaked footprints of child Krishna, called Sri Paadam, offering Krishna his favourite delicacies like milk, curd, butter, beaten rice (aval), fruits, 'seedai' and 'murukku' and worshipping Him with devotion.

The Bhagavad Geetha teaches: "Be friendly and compassionate to all forms of life; shed the attachment of 'I' and 'Mine'; treat pain and pleasure on par; be forbearing and happy and lead a life dedicating your heart and intellect to God". I wish to state if this teaching is practised, peace and happiness will flourish in the world. Once again, I extend my Sri Krishna Jayanthi greetings to one and all.

PM requested to intervene as fishermen are held once again

D.O.Letter dated 09.08.2016 addressed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa**, to **Shri Narendra Modi**, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

"I write to bring to your notice, yet another incident of apprehension of Indian fishermen from Tamil Nadu by the Sri Lankan Navy. Four fishermen in one mechanised fishing boat who set sail from Jegathapattinam fishing base of Pudukkottai District have been apprehended by the Sri Lankan Navy in the late hours of 08.08.2016 and taken to Kankesanthurai in Sri Lanka.

This most recent act of the Sri Lankan Navy has again created anxiety and unrest in the minds of our fishermen. A firm, clear, unequivocal and unambiguous message should be sent out by the Government of India to the Sri Lankan side to ensure that these apprehensions are stopped and the livelihood of the poor and innocent fishermen from Tamil Nadu who are engaged in fishing in their traditional waters is protected.

I once again reiterate that retrieving the Katchatheevu islet and abrogation of the 1974 and 1976 agreements alone can restore the traditional fishing grounds of the Palk Bay to the Tamil Nadu fishermen. The ceding of Katchatheevu to Sri Lanka has been challenged on extremely valid and legal grounds by me in the Supreme Court of India, in my personal capacity and the Government of Tamil Nadu subsequently impleaded itself in this case.

The Sri Lankan strategy of not releasing the boats of our fishermen is causing great frustration amongst the fishermen of Tamil Nadu. Without their livelihood base, these fishermen are in a state of despondency. I urge you to take this up with the highest authorities of the Sri Lankan Government and ensure the immediate release of the precariously berthed boats which continue to suffer great damage.

You are also aware that my Government has taken a number of steps to minimize the pressure on the marine ecosystem. The comprehensive special package for deep sea fishing and infrastructure at a cost of Rs.1,520 crore and a recurring grant of Rs.10 crore per annum for maintenance dredging which I had requested as part of the Memoranda presented to you on 03.06.2014, 07.08.2015 and 14.06.2016 must be urgently sanctioned.

I reiterate that the issue of apprehension of our fishermen and release of their boats must be taken up at the highest diplomatic level and the Government of India must take necessary steps to ensure the safety and security of our fishermen. I request your personal intervention to secure the release of the 4 fishermen and 103 fishing boats currently in Sri Lankan custody at the earliest".

Chief Minister congratulates Paralympics gold medalist

Congratulatory letter dated 10.09.2016 by **Selvi J Jayalalithaa,** Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to Thiru. T. Mariyappan, who has won Gold Medal in the High Jump event in the Paralympics held in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil.

"I was delighted to learn that you have won a Gold Medal in the Paralympics currently being held in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil. I understand that this is the first time an Indian has won a gold medal in the High Jump event in the Paralympics. By leaping over a height of 1.89 metres, you have leapt into history and done both the Nation and the State of Tamil Nadu proud. Your achievement, overcoming several obstacles and hurdles, will inspire more and more children and youth to overcome adversities and to participate and strive for greater achievements. Kindly accept my heartiest congratulations on behalf of the people of Tamil Nadu on your splendid achievement.

I am very happy to inform you that I have decided that the Government of Tamil Nadu will award you a cash prize of Rs.2 crore on par with Olympic Gold Medal winners from Tamil Nadu.

I congratulate you and all those who have contributed to your success. May you stand forth as a beacon of hope for all those striving to achieve success in their chosen fields overcoming all odds.

Tamil Nadu gives further boost to MSM industries

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Puratchi Thalaivi **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** under Rule 110 in the Legislative Assembly on 30.8.2016 (English Translation)

Hon'ble Speaker,

My Government gives utmost importance to the development of micro, small and medium industries as they provide more job opportunities. In the last 5 years, 5,97,395 micro, small and medium industries (MSM), with an investment of Rs.1,00,101 crore were set up. In this period, 16 new industrial estates were also created. Subsidy to the extent of Rs. 470 crore was given to MSM industries in the last 5 years.

I am extremely happy to make the following announcements in this House in regard to MSM industries.

1. There are 517 developed plots, 8 electrical and electronic industrial estates with 140 industrial sheds and a ceramic industrial estate to cater to the needs of electrical and electronic entrepreneurs.Infrastructure facilities were improved in 6 industrial estates in two phases – the electrical and electronics industrial estates at Kakkalur, Tiruvallur District and at Perungudi, Chennai District in 2012-2013 and at the industrial estates at Hosur, Krishnagiri District, Kappalur, Madurai District, Sooramangalam, Salem District and at the Ceramics industrial estate at Virudhachalam in 2013-2014. In continuation of this, infrastructure facilities like roads, street lights, constructing culverts and laying storm water drainage will be provided at a cost of Rs. 50 lakh in the electrical and electronics industrial estates in Coimbatore.

2. Of the 12.94 lakh MSM industries in Tamil Nadu, 5.44 lakh industries are micro industries. Most of these micro industries function from rented buildings. Banks don't come forward to provide them loans; in large cities, hikes in rent affect them greatly. Hence, an industrial complex in multi-storeyed buildings, exclusively for micro industries will be constructed through SIDCO at a cost of Rs.50 crore at Thirumudivakkam industrial estate, near Chennai. This complex will house 250 micro industries, each having an area of 750 sq.ft.

3. My Government has been setting up industrial estates

with world-class infrastructure for the MSM entrepreneurs to start their industries. This year, new industrial estates will be set up through SIDCO on 186 acres land in the Districts of Namakkal and Sivagangai at a cost of Rs. 36 crore.

4. Private industrial estates with the participation of MSM industries are to come up on 478 acres of land in the Districts of Ramanathapuram, Virudhunagar and Coimbatore. The Government will provide a subsidy of Rs. 27 crore for creating infrastructure facilities in these estates like providing power connection, water supply, construction of display/seminar halls and setting up of sales outlets.

5. In 2013, my Government announced a policy decision to set up high-calibre industrial estates in collaboration with private sector industries. As per that announcement, 2 estates will be set up this year as a joint venture of SIDCO-Private Sector. SIDCO's participation will be to the extent of 11 per cent. A subsidy of Rs.15 crore will be given for infrastructure facilities in these industrial estates. These industrial estates will also get the subsidy, given to industrial estates, set up with the participation of MSM industries. That subsidy covers power connection, water supply, provision of display/seminar halls, sales centres and other common facilities.

6. A 300 KW solar power plant will be set up at a cost of Rs.3 crore for supplying electricity to street lights and pump sets in the Kakkalur industrial estate, Tiruvallur District.

I resume my seat, stating that MSM industries will develop further through the implementation of these announcements.

Manifold steps to boost agriculture: subsidy for solar pumpsets, renting of farm machinery

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
Puratchi Thalaivi **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** in the Legislative Assembly
under Rule 110 on 31.08.2016 (English Translation)

Hon'ble Speaker,

My Government is giving great importance to the agriculture sector, the primary industry of the country, the substratum for economic growth and indispensable to the farmer's prosperity. The food grain production in 2015-2016 increased to 1,30,63,000 tonnes because my Government took several steps for the agriculture sector and for improving the farmer's income.

As per our election promise and by way of reducing the debt burden of farmers who had obtained agricultural loan, crop loan, medium term agricultural loan and farm related long term loan to be repaid by small and micro farmers to co-operative banks were all waived.

I am extremely happy to make the following announcements in this House relating to the agriculture sector.

1. To encourage the use of solar energy in agriculture work, a scheme to provide 80 per cent subsidy for setting up 5HP solar motor pumpset, is in operation from 2013-2014. The scheme has benefited 2,130 farmers; 10,500 acres have been irrigated.

5 HP pumpset cannot operate in places where the groundwater table has receded to great depths. Hence, we had given a promise in our election manifesto that 80 per cent subsidy would continue to be given to solar powered pumpsets; subsidy would be given to pumpsets upto 10 HP capacity. Accordingly, 80 per cent subsidy will be given this year to 10 HP solar powered pumpsets. The scheme will be implemented at a cost of Rs.21.90 crore to benefit 500 farmers.

2. My Government has taken many steps to rent machines and implements to farmers who are unable to purchase costly machines for agricultural operations so that they can take up works in time during the cultivation season and to sink borewells for increasing water resources

for irrigation. In the last 5 years, the Agriculture Engineering Department has purchased agricultural machinery worth Rs.22.86 crore. This year, 50 tractors of the capacity of 60 to 70 HP along with their attachments, 20 Multi-Crop threshers and 10 Rotary Drills will be purchased at a cost of Rs.21.43 crore and rented out to farmers.

3. My Government is mechanising agriculture to offset the paucity of agriculture labour. In the last 5 years, a subsidy of Rs.299.83 crore was given to farmers to purchase agriculture machines. In the current year Rs.31.06 crore subsidy will be given for purchase different agro-machines including paddy sowing machines, power tiller, rotary plough, weeding tools and tractor/power tiller operated tools.

4. Dry land farmers' income is low as the rain fed crops depend on the rain alone and their productivity is also low. Hence, my Government is implementing many schemes to improve the productivity of rain-fed crops and to increase the income of these farmers. In 2015-2016, an integrated farm practice, combined with the rearing of milch cattle and goats, was introduced in the rain fed areas. In our election manifesto, we had promised to extend this scheme. By way of implementing it, the integrated farm practice will be extended, this year, to 20,055 acres in the rain fed areas on an allotment of Rs.21.10 crore.

5. At the National level, Tamil Nadu occupies an important place in the production of fruits and vegetables. Fruits and vegetables bereft of the pesticide poison is good for health. Hence, a new scheme of pest management tactics that are agriculture friendly and are to be followed by farmers, will be implemented at a cost of Rs.10 crore in1,27,500 acres.

6. Horticulture crops like the high value capsicum (kudai milagai), cucumber, tomato and the export oriented cut flowers gerbera, rose, carnation and lilium, are grown in green houses. In the current year, this scheme will be implemented on 3.50 lakh sq.metre area at a cost of Rs.16 crore. Under this scheme, farmers will get 50 per cent subsidy.

7. Horticulture farms are located at different places with a view to increase the production of horticulture crops in Tamil Nadu, to ensure distribution of quality genetically pure saplings to farmers and to explain technology in the respective areas. To carry out these works more efficiently, horticulture farms at 6 places - Vridhachalam, Cuddalore District, Melkadhirpur (Kancheepuram), Mudhalaipatti (Tiruchi), Padasolai (Namakkal), Navlock (Vellore) and Sandhaiyur (Dindigul) – will be modernised at a cost of Rs.5.83 crore.

8. Horticulture farms help farmers to get quality, genetically pure saplings. To enable them get such saplings in their own Districts, my Government ordered the setting up of horticulture farms in 5 Districts and work on them, is in progress. In the current year, new horticulture farms will be set up in the Districts of Tiruppur, Ariyalur and Nagapattinam at a cost of Rs. 2 crore.

9. Taking into account the increasing needs for agricultural education and research, my Government has opened new agriculture college and research institute at Kudimiyanmalai in Pudukkottai District, Eechankottai in Thanjavur District and Vaazhavachanur in Tiruvannamalai District. Additional class rooms, laboratories and examination centres will be constructed in these 3 colleges and in the Madurai Agriculture college and research institute at cost of Rs.49.37 crore.

I resume my seat, stating that farmers' livelihood will further flourish through the implementation of these schemes I have just announced.

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His Excellency the Governor of Tamil Nadu Thiru. K.Rosaiah, administered, on 30.08.2016 the Oath of Office at Raj Bhavan to Thiru. K. Pandiarajan, appointed as Minister for School Education, Sports and Youth Welfare. Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Puratchi Thalaivi Selvi J Jayalalithaa, Hon'ble Ministers, Chief Secretary to Government Dr. P.Rama Mohana Rao IAS and Tamil Nadu Government Adviser Tmt.Sheela Balakrishnan IAS (Rtd.) participated.

On behalf of the Tamil Nadu Government, Hon'ble Ministers Thiru. D.Jayakumar (Fisheries), Thiru. K. Pandiarajan (School Education, Sports and Youth Welfare), Thiru. P. Benjamin (Rural Industries), Hon'ble Greater Chennai Mayor Thiru.Saidai S. Duraisamy, Thiru. J. Kumaragurubaran IAS, Director, Information and Public Relations Department, Thiru.S.P.Ezhilazhagan, Additional Director (Information), offered floral tributes on 05.09.2016 to a decorated portrait of Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O.Chidambaranar, placed near his statue on Rajaji Salai,Chennai in connection with his 145th birth anniversary.

A leg up for Animal Husbandry - mobile vans in 27 Districts to treat cattle

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Puratchi Thalaivi **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** in the Legislative Assembly under Rule 110 on 31.08.2016 (English Translation)

Hon'ble Speaker,

Cattle play an important role in the livelihood of farmers. Hence my Government gives importance to cattle development and executes scheme towards that end. In the last 5 years, 830 new veterinary dispensaries and 200 veterinary sub-centres have been established and 1,615 new veterinary hospital buildings constructed. Also, 1,163 veterinary hospital buildings have been renovated.

I am very happy to make the following new announcements in this House in respect of the Department of Animal Husbandry:

1. The mobile veterinary units in the rural areas offer only the conventional services at farmers' places of residence. Sometimes, cattle may need emergency treatment. If it is given, they can be saved. Hence, an Animal Emergency Ambulance scheme was introduced in 5 Districts in 2015-2016. This scheme will be extended to 27 Districts at a cost of Rs. 37.88 crore. This will enable each District to have an animal ambulance.

2. Administering vaccines is essential for prevention of diseases in cattles. A vaccine research laboratory to prevent Anthrax is functioning at the Institute of Veterinary Preventive Medicine complex, Ranipet. This lab will be upgraded to the Good Manufacturing Practices standard quality. These works will be taken up at a cost of Rs. 36.66 crore.

3. Appropriate structural facilities are necessary to provide the best veterinary service. Hence, my Government is giving importance to providing the best infrastructure facilities. This year, 115 new buildings for veterinary institutions – 113 dispensaries and 2 veterinary investigative divisions - will be constructed at a cost of Rs. 28.92 crore.

4. Fodder is central for cattle production and productivity. In the last 5 years, 1.62 lakh acres were brought under green fodder cultivation on an allocation of Rs. 181.17 crore. For the availability of quality green fodder, a fodder seed production unit at the Sheep Farm at Sathur and fodder bundling units at the cattle farms at Chettinadu, Naduvur and Eechankottai, Virudhunagar District, will be set up at a cost of Rs.3.68 crore.

The schemes announced now by me will help in the immediate treatment of cattle, in the improvement of infrastructure facilities and in the development of fodder.

Multiple measures including Biotech Incubation Centre to boost industries

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Puratchi Thalaivi **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** in the Legislative Assembly under Rule 110 on 31.08.2016 (English Translation)

Hon'ble Speaker,

In the industrial sector, Tamil Nadu has attained a meritorious place. It has become the desirable destination for industrial investment on account of initiatives taken by my Government.

The Global Investors Meet held last September, attracted investments to the tune of Rs.2,42,160 crore through 98 Memoranda of Understanding (MoU). Of the MoUs signed, 64 companies with an investment of Rs.87,062 crore have commenced works on starting their industries. They have so far invested Rs.25,020.48 crore. Other companies have started preparatory works.

I am extremely happy to make the following announcements in this House to help Tamil Nadu scale greater heights in industrial growth.

1. A Biotechnology Incubation Centre will be set up at a cost of Rs. 20 crore at the TICEL Bio Park, Taramani, Chennai to provide opportunities for nascent companies in the biotechnology field and to entrepreneurs. This Centre will plan, shape and execute the inventions of the nascent companies in the bio-technology field, entrepreneurs, scientists and individuals and thereby promote the growth of the biotechnology sector. The Centre will come up on 12,000 sq.ft area with laboratories, commercial sections and office areas with infrastructure facilities.

2. For improving the basic facilities in the proposed Aerospace Park, to come up on 245 acres at the SIPCOT Vallam-Vadagal Industrial Park, Thirperumbudur, Kancheepuram District, basic structural facilities on global standards will be set up at a cost of Rs.30 crore. Also, a common laboratory and a technological centre for the industries will be set up in the Park.

3. The Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Ltd. (TNPL), started in 1979, occupies the premier place globally in using bagasse as the raw material and the second slot in India in the manufacture of print and writing paper. The factory is located in Kagithapuram, Karur District. To improve the factory's efficiency and the environment around, development works like expansion of the Electro Static Precipitator Chamber, expansion of the storage chamber of coal in the boiler section, renewal

of old transformers and conductors in the power generation section and repairing the worn-out pressure cylinders in the paper and paper pulp section will be executed at a cost of Rs.25 crore.

4. On 29.01.2016, I inaugurated the Multi-layer Double Coated Board Plant with a capacity of two lakh tonnes per annum at Mondipatti Village, Manapparai taluk, Tiruchirappalli District. The unit was set up by the TNPL. I am proud to state that this unit occupies the 3rd place at the National level in the total production of paper and double coated paper board. To cater to the needs of this factory, a machine to repair worn-out cylinders and another to produce spiral pipes will be set up. The godown to store the double coated boards will be expanded. All these will be implemented at a cost of Rs. 35 crore.

5. To develop production skills and increase production of Tamil Nadu Minerals Ltd., and to undertake quarrying with modern machines, 10 sand quarrying machines, 12 mine lorry dippers, 10 air pressure machines and 4 hydraulic drillers will be purchased at a cost of Rs.20 crore.

6. Developmental works costing Rs. 675 crore have been taken up at the Tamil Nadu Cements company at Ariyalur. The company will take up the following developmental works jointly with the Ariyalur District Administration:

i. For the Ariyalur District Hospital, a new building on 36,000 sq.ft, a waiting room for visitors, modern laundry and in-patient and out-patient wards will be constructed. The laboratory will be renovated and required equipment will be purchased. All these will be undertaken at a cost of Rs.9.50 crore.

ii. Basic facilities like additional class rooms, deep bore wells, compound wall, pure drinking water and separate toilet facilities for boy and girl students will be created at a cost of Rs.2.12 crore in Government and Panchayat Union Schools in Ariyalur and in the surrounding Villages of Anandavadi, Manakkudi, Srinivasapuram, Thamaraikulam, Hussainabad, Rajiv Nagar, Wallajahnagaram, Krishnapuram and Rowthampatti.

iii. Greenery development schemes like planting tree saplings, percolation ponds and rain harvesting will be taken up in the surrounding areas of Ariyalur at a cost of Rs.1.50 crore.

In sum, developmental works costing Rs.13.52 crore will be undertaken in the Ariyalur region through the Tamil Nadu Cements Ltd.

7. My Government is setting up Industrial Parks for industrial growth in the State. Basic facilities in industrial parks are being upgraded. The SIPCOT-Cheyyaru Industrial complex is coming up on 2,300 acres of land in Tiruvannamalai District. In the first phase, basic infrastructure facilities like inner roads, water supply arrangements, storm water drain, avenue trees, street lights and other facilities on international standards will be created at a cost of Rs.100 crore on a 1,300 acre area. These works will be completed in 2 years.

I wish to state that these announcements will contribute to the development of industrial growth further.

Measures to protect, rehabilitate lakes

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Puratchi Thalaivi **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** in the Legislative Assembly under Rule 110 on 30.08.2016 (English Translation)

Hon'ble Speaker,

I am very happy to make the following announcements in this House in respect of the Department of Environment:

1. Lakes, endowed with natural beauty, not only fulfil drinking water needs but also protect sub-soil water. Hence my Government takes steps to protect and rehabilitate lakes.

Paruthipattu lake on 87.06 acres is located at the boundary of Avadi Municipality, Greater Chennai. The lake will be rehabilitated after removing the encroachments. Works like de-silting, improving the supply channel and improving the quality of water will be taken up at a cost of Rs.28.16 crore. Artificial islands with natural environs for birds to visit, will be created.

2. To create environmental awareness in children, school students and in the youth, an 'Amma Environment Park' will be set up at a cost of Rs. 2 crore. An extent of 50,110 sq.ft. of land on Cochrane Basin Road, Korukkupet, Tondiarpet will be developed with lawns, footpath, children's park, play ground and bill boards spreading the message of environmental awareness.

3. The Periyakulam lake in Vadamugam Vellode Village, Perundurai Taluk, Erode District has been declared as Vellode Birds Sanctuary. Around 146 bird species, both local and overseas, visit this sanctuary. A census taken in February last, revealed that a total of 24,427 birds, belonging to 37 kinds of water birds and 57 kinds of land birds were there.

4. The Periyakulam lake, the home of the Vellode Bird Sanctuary, will be rehabilitated. This will increase the water spread area in the interior of the lake, needed most for the birds. The lake will be de-silted, beautified and a footpath will be laid around the bank. Also, facilities will be created for birds' stay by setting up sand dunes and raising trees in them. These works will be taken up at a cost of Rs.4.90 crore.

5. De-silting of Muthampalayam lake in Erode Municipality, developing the supply canal for it and other similar works will be undertaken at a cost of Rs.2.75 crore. Through this, I wish to inform that a healthy environment will come to prevail and water resources also will increase.

Making a real difference to the differently abled

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
Puratchi Thalaivi **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** under Rule 110 in the Legislative Assembly
on 30.08.2016 *(English Translation)*

Hon'ble Speaker,

To win recognition for the differently-abled persons from all sections of the society, to ensure their participation in the country's growth and to make them live on equal terms with others, my Government has framed many policies and implemented many schemes for them.

I am very happy to make the following announcements in this House in furtherence of their interests:

1. From 2012, visually challenged persons are supplied reflecting foldable sticks. With these sticks, only nearby objects can be felt. Hence, modern reflecting foldable sticks will be given to them. With the modern sticks, even distant objects can be sensed, helping them to cover their distance without difficulty. This year, 5,000 beneficiaries will be given modern reflecting foldable sticks. The scheme will be implemented at a cost of Rs.1,58,25,000/-.

2. Deafness can be cured if detected in the early stages. Hence, a pilot project for this will be implemented this year. Chennai and Sivagangai Districts have a greater number of deaf children. A scheme for conducting a special test on the child immediately after birth, will be implemented in these Districts. In Chennai, the test will be conducted in the city's 11 Institutes of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. In Sivagangai District, the District Headquarters Hospital, Taluk Hospital and upgraded Primary Health Centres will perform the test.The scheme will be implemented at an estimate of Rs.3.30 crore.

3. An alternative communication method will be tried for improving speech and language skills in the autistic, in the cerebral palsy afflicted and in children with genetic disorder. These special children will be trained to converse with others through alternative methods as with pictures and other allied ways.

The communication deficiency will be removed in these special children through touchscreen i-Pads mounted with the special software AAVAAZ. This scheme will be useful for special children to learn and interact with others with enthusiasm and efficiency. In the first phase, these special facilities will be made available at a cost of Rs. 1 crore to the children in primary training centres, children benefiting through mobile treatment units and the 416 children in special schools.

I wish to state these steps of my Government will bring about a renaissance in the lives of the differently-abled.

More schemes to reach quality higher education to students

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Puratchi Thalaivi **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** under Rule 110 in the Legislative Assembly on 23.08.2016 *(English Translation)*

Hon'ble Speaker,

To provide quality education at a low fee to students in Tamil Nadu, particularly to those from rural areas, 4 Government Engineering Colleges, 42 Government /University Constituent Arts and Science Colleges, 16 Government Polytechnic Colleges, a National School of Law and an Indian Institute of Information Technology were started in the last 5 years.

Besides starting new colleges, infrastructure facilities in such colleges were improved and new buildings were constructed for providing the best academic environment to students.

I am happy to announce in this House, the schemes to be implemented in the higher education sector in the current year.

1. Training Centres will be set up for students in the Districts of Chennai, Dharmapuri, Coimbatore, Tiruchirappalli and Tirunelveli at a cost of Rs. 10 lakh for helping them clear the Indian Engineering Service Examination.

2. Many private engineering colleges provide opportunity to their students to undergo short-term training in colleges abroad for improving their skills. I wished that such an opportunity should be provided to students in Government Engineering Colleges also. Hence, 100 students from 10 Government Engineering Colleges will be selected every year and sent abroad to get technical training for 15 days in universities and colleges there. This scheme will be implemented at a cost of Rs. 1.50 crore.

3. A light and sound centre for video conferencing will be set up at the Directorate of Technical Education in Chennai for students to hear the lectures of world renowned professors and experts in industries and benefit. This scheme will be implemented at a cost of Rs. 75 lakh.

4. A training centre in non-destructive testing will be set up at the Tamil Nadu Polytechnic College at Madurai at a cost of Rs. 1 crore. Every year 100 persons will be trained.

5. A Government Arts and Science College will be started this year at Mettupalayam, Coimbatore District at a cost of Rs. 8.29 crore so that students need not travel 40 to 50 kms to study in colleges in Coimbatore or Nilgiris District. A new Government Arts and Science

College will be started this year at Perumbakkam at a cost of Rs.8.48 crore to meet the needs of 4,269 plus two students in the 20,376 tenements constructed by the Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board and those in the surrounding areas.

6. All universities and affiliated colleges will be linked by cloud computing and a variety of services will be provided to teachers and researchers. This Centre will be set up in Anna University at a cost of Rs.160 crore. The scheme will be implemented in 3 years.

7. Tamil Nadu is in the forefront in the development of automobile industry and in the production of automobile components. Vehicle-related research to reduce fuel cost and emission of carbon-di-oxide will be highly beneficial. A Motor Vehicle Technological Centre will be set up at Anna University at a cost of Rs. 50 crore with private participation.

8. A big conference hall with a seating capacity of 5,000 will be constructed in Anna University at a cost of Rs. 50 crore for conducting State, National and International level seminars for students to benefit and improve their skills.

9. An centre for International Research, Development and Training will be set up in Anna University at a cost of Rs. 50 crore. This Centre will co-ordinate all information connected with patent rights and the assistance needed to get the patent and will help in getting the patent for best projects. It will provide information on new inventions and the research to be undertaken for industrial development and also create awareness about incubation/ gestation centre.

10. Two new regional centres will be set up for the Tamil Nadu Open University in Villupuram and Nilgiris Districts at a cost of Rs.12.50 crore, for easy access of the services offered by the university to students and to avert long distance travel for students. The university is already operating four such centres in the Districts of Madurai, Coimbatore, Tiruchi and Dharmapuri.

11. The National Teacher Education Forum has now introduced 15 new courses in teacher education. These include an integrated B.A.B.Ed/B.Sc.B.Ed courses of 4 year duration. The Tamil Nadu Teacher Education University will introduce this year the 4 year integrated B.A.B.Ed./B.Sc. B.Ed. courses.

12. The Madurai Kamarajar University is functioning well with 77 Departments. About 1.20 lakh students study there. A welfare centre is located in this university. This centre caters to workers, teachers and students of the university and to people in 100 villages around the university. Hence, a Multi-Speciality Hospital with modern infrastructure facilities, doctors and workers will be set up at a cost of Rs. 4.75 crore. For students, an indoor stadium and a library will be constructed at a cost of Rs. 6.75 crore. Solar panels, ground water harvesting and wifi facilities will be provided at a cost of Rs. 5 crore. Besides, improvements to hostels will be undertaken at a cost of Rs. 1.10 crore.

These announcements will further enhance the quality of higher education and help poor students get training abroad and improve the research taken up at Anna University. ■

Positive measures to boost Tamil Nadu forest wealth

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Puratchi Thalaivi **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** in the Legislative Assembly under rule 110 on 11.08.2016 (English Translation)

Hon'ble Speaker,

'Fertile forests alone ensure a country's prosperity' - is an old adage. Protecting soil fertility, bio-diversity and generating pure air, forests play a great supportive role to the overall environment.

I am extremely happy to make the following announcements for improvement of forestry:

1. As per the forest report of the Forest Survey of India for the period 2013-2015, Tamil Nadu tops the list of States in increasing the area of forest and greenery. Tamil Nadu is the homeland for 5,640 varieties of flowering botanical species. Of these, 230 varieties are on the verge of extinction. They have to be protected. Hence, a genetic 'Tree Park' will be established at a cost of Rs. 2 crore on an 8-hectares area near Vandalur Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Chennai to grow in one place 300 varieties of trees, found to flourish in the Eastern and Western Ghats. The project will be entrusted to the Forest Research Division on the Vandalur-Kelambakkam road.

2. A Government seed centre is at the Coimbatore Forestry Genetic Division. This recognised seed centre is supplying genetically developed high variety standardised seeds to Forest Department, industries, farmers and the general public. This centre classifies 250 varieties of seeds after examining their quality with modern equipment and provides technology for the regulated growth of vegetation. Taking into account the need for distribution of genetically improved and high quality tree seeds in the central region of Tamil Nadu and in the delta Districts, a modern 'Forest Tree Seed Centre' will be established at Tiruchi. This centre will have modern professional facilities to collect seeds in the State, examine, grade, store in refrigerated rooms and supply them. This centre will be established on an one-hectare land at a cost of Rs. 2 crore. It will fulfil the needs of farmers, industries, Departments and other beneficiaries in respect of medicinal plants that are becoming rare and are on the path of extinction.

3. Under the Afforestation Scheme, Combined Forest Management Committees are set up for the protection of forests. Higher participation of women in Forest Beneficiary Committees is likely to bring about a great change in the livelihood of people living adjacent to forest areas. Hence women will be trained to plant medicinal plants in villages near forest areas. 'Women Entrepreneur Groups' will be set up and through them planting of medicinal plants and sale will be taken up. This scheme - 'Herbal Garden in House' - will be implemented in the first phase in the Districts of Salem, Dharmapuri and Namakkal.

4. The Arignar Anna Zoological Park in Vandalur is one of the best zoo in the country. To help desirous persons in distant places to view animals in 20 important animal enclosures in the zoo round- the-clock, infra red monitoring cameras will be set up and the pictures will be uploaded in Internet. This scheme will be implemented at a cost of Rs. 50 lakh. Through this, the park's administration and the animals in the enclosures can be monitored

Subsidy package announced for direct sowing of samba

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Puratchi Thalaivi **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** under Rule 110 in the Legislative Assembly on 18.08.2016 (English Translation)

Hon'ble Speaker,

Cauvery delta area is the granary of Tamil Nadu. Cauvery river is the life-breath of this area. Our dispute with Karnataka State over the Cauvery river water stretches over several years.

In 1986, when Idaya Deivam Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. was Chief Minister, a letter was sent to the Central Government for the setting up of a Tribunal for the Cauvery River Water disputes. An organisation under the name Association for the Protection of the Welfare and Rights of Cauvery Irrigated Produce Farmers, filed a case in the Supreme Court. The Tamil Nadu Government impleaded itself in that case. The Supreme Court ordered the setting up of a Tribunal in May 1990. To comply with this order, the letter sent by the Government headed by Puratchi Thalaivar MGR was revived and the Cauvery Tribunal was set up in June 1990.

The Tribunal passed an interim order in 1991 and the final order on 05.02.2007. The Central Government did not gazette the final order of the Tribunal. An order was obtained from the Supreme Court after my Government waged a legal battle. On the basis of that order, the Central Government published in its gazette the Cauvery Tribunal's order on 19.02.2013. Still, since the Central Government has not constituted the Cauvery Management Board and Cauvery River Water Regulation Committee, the Karnataka Government is not releasing our share of the waters in the Cauvery. Hence, my Government filed petitions in the Supreme Court even in 2013 praying for the constitution of these bodies and the petitions are still pending.

Meanwhile, the Supreme Court constituted Special Benches to hear the long pending cases. The case pertaining to Cauvery is one among them. When the cases connected with Cauvery dispute came up for hearing before the Special Bench on 28.03.2016, the Supreme Court ordered the listing of these cases for 19.07.2016. Later, they were postponed for 18.10.2016.

As per the orders of the Cauvery Tribunal, an irrigation year lasts from the month of June to next May. Since the Karnataka Government did not release water in the months of June and July in the current irrigation year as per the final orders of the Cauvery Tribunal, the Chief Secretary to Government wrote letters to the Karnataka and Central Governments on 30.07.2016. These letters urged the release of the deficit quantum of 22.934 tmc ft. of water already accrued between 01.06.2016 and 26.07.2016 and for the release of water in the coming months as per the final order of the Tribunal. But no reply has been received either from the Karnataka Government or from the Central Government till now.

The total capacity of the 4 major reservoirs of Karnataka Government - Herangi, Hemavathi, Krishnaraja Sagar and Kabini - is 114.571 tmc ft. of water. As of 17.08.2016, the storage is 64.849 tmc ft. of water. The Karnataka Government is releasing water from these 4 reservoirs for irrigation. In Mettur reservoir, the storage, as on 17.08.2016 is just 27.560 tmc ft. of water.

In a situation where the Karnataka Government has not come forward to release Tamil Nadu's share of water as per the final order of the Cauvery Tribunal, I have directed the filing of an interim petition in the Supreme Court for getting Tamil Nadu's due share of water. This interim petition will be filed in a day or two. I am confident we will get the necessary orders through the Supreme Court and get our share of water as per the final order of the Cauvery Tribunal.

Water could not be released from Mettur reservoir on June 12 for Kuruvai paddy cultivation due to inadequate storage. As the 6 delta Districts received sufficient rain in the current summer season, I announced on 01.06.2016 a Rs.54.65 crore scheme to enable taking up kuruvai cultivation, utilising sub-soil water. This helped taking up kuruvai cultivation in considerable acreage. In the samba season paddy will be cultivated in the delta Districts through the transplantation method in about 14.93 lakh acres when there is normal monsoon and Mettur reservoir has adequate inflows.

As I have already stated, I am confident that a favourable order will come from the Supreme Court and water will soon be released for samba cultivation. Still, a good Government is that which will be able to implement schemes, overcoming hurdles whatever they are. Hence, I wish to state that my Government will implement a special scheme for samba cultivation with the view that delta farmers should at no cost be affected even if there is deficient rainfall in the forthcoming North-East monsoon and Mettur reservoir does not receiving enough water to meet our requirements.

If Mettur reservoir does not receive needed water for samba crop by this month end, my Government will implement a package scheme for undertaking samba cultivation through direct paddy sowing. Accordingly,

1. Subsidy will be given for fallow tilling works to enable farmers to take up paddy sowing. The subsidy will be Rs.500/- per acre. Rs. 25 crore will be allotted for this.

2. To enable farmers get quality certified seeds, a subsidy of Rs.10/- will be given for a kg of seeds. An allocation of Rs.4.50 crore will be made towards this.

3. For mechanised paddy sowing a subsidy of Rs.600/- per acre will be given. Rs. 3 crore will be allotted for this.

4. A subsidy of Rs.280/- per acre will be given for spraying weedicide as damage by weeds will be more in areas where there is direct paddy sowing. An allotment of Rs.9.80 crore will be made towards this.

5. Where sowing is taken up through the sowing machine, a subsidy of Rs.2,000/- per acre will be given. Rs. 20 crore will be allotted for this.

6. Zinc nutrient deficiency will reduce the paddy yield. In such fields, a subsidy of Rs.200/- per acre will be given for application of zinc sulphate. A sum of Rs.2 crore will be allotted towards this.

Totally, a subsidy of Rs.64.30 crore, as I have just mentioned, will be given for samba cultivation when direct paddy cultivation has to taken due to inadequate supply of water.

Delta farmers are extremely concerned over the Karnataka Chief Minister's announcement in his Independence Day speech that his Government will execute the Mekedatu reservoir scheme. Over this issue, two Government special resolutions have been passed in our Legislative Assembly.

The Tamil Nadu Government has filed an interim petition in the Supreme Court on 18.11.2014. In that petition, it has sought a directive restraining Karnataka Government from undertaking construction of Mekedatu dam or any other schemes other than the projects mentioned in the final order of the Cauvery Tribunal; and that status quo should prevail till the setting up of the Cauvery Management Board and the disposal of the cases pending in the Supreme Court. In its letter dated 18.11.2014, the Karnataka Government recalled its pending interim petition and said Mekedatu scheme would not be implemented without informing the Supreme Court.

On 08.03.2016, the Karnataka Government sent a letter to Tamil Nadu Government. In that letter, it reiterated that it had no intention of constructing a dam at Mekedatu without informing the Supreme Court. The Karnataka Government conveyed this to the Supreme Court also.

Informing the House that my Government will take all legal steps to establish Tamil Nadu's rights if the Karnataka Government intends to implement any scheme across Cauvery river in breach of the final order of the Cauvery River Water Disputes Tribunal and without getting the consent of the Tamil Nadu Government, I resume my seat. ■

Tamil Nadu's thumbs up for developing water resources

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Puratchi Thalaivi **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** in the Legislative Assembly under Rule 110 on 12.08.2016 (English Translation)

Hon'ble Speaker,

Water is the main component of agriculture; not only should it be conserved, it should also be utilised in the best way. That is why my Government is giving the utmost importance for the creation of irrigation projects and for the maintenance of irrigation infrastructure.

In the last 5 years, 6,118 works like construction of barrages, ground water shafts, check dams, bed dams, rehabilitation of dam and canal and setting up of and rehabilitation of tanks have been completed at a cost of Rs.3,188.50 crore. Two hundred and eighty-two more works costing Rs.864.31 crore are in progress.

I am very happy to make the following announcements on behalf of the Public Works Department in this House:

1. Mettur Dam is an important dam in Tamil Nadu. Irrigated lands in the Districts of Salem, Namakkal and Erode benefit from the East and West canals of this dam. Supply of water to tail-end areas is not able to be ensured due to water seepage as these canals are more than 60 years old.

To solve this problem, my Government undertook repair works in the last 5 years costing Rs.79.60 crore.

In continuation of this, repair works costing Rs.25 crore will be taken up in the Mettur East canal from S.S.45.30 KM point to S.S.58 KM point. The West canal, Mettur taluk, Salem District will be repaired at a cost of Rs.25 crore from S.S.7.282 KM point to S.S.13.92 KM point.

Through these works, water seepage will be prevented and supply of water to the tail-end areas will be ensured.

2. The Kalingarayan Dam and its canal are 700 years old. The length of the canal is 56 miles. In the last 5 years, my Government gave concrete lining on either of this old canal from its starting point to 9/7 miles, set up a baby canal and renovated it, at a cost of Rs.91 crore.

In continuation of this, parts of this canal that winds its way into Erode city will be concrete-lined and a baby canal will be dug at a cost of Rs.36.75 crore.

These works will prevent effluents from the Erode Corporation areas and from the tanneries

and dyeing units from mixing into the waters of Kalingarayan canal. As water loss due to seepage is rectified, farmers in tail-end areas will benefit.

3. Sarabanga river originates on the western side of the Yercaud Hill, runs 80 kilometres through Omalur, Edappadi and Sankagiri before joining the Cauvery. There are 21 dams across this river, supplying water to 30 tanks for irrigation. These structures are more than 100 years old. Hence, it becomes necessary to renovate and develop them.

In 2015, my Government renovated and developed 13 dams in Omalur and Edappadi region at a cost of Rs.5.23 crore. This year, 6 dams in Omalur and Salem West region and their canals and 10 tanks will be renovated at a cost of Rs.15 crore. This will help conserve flood waters and their diversion to tanks, benefiting fully the lands under their irrigation.

4. One of the main branch rivers of Vaigai river is Varahanadhi river. This river is polluted on either side at Thenkarai village by the sewage of Periyakulam town. To prevent this and cleanse Varahanadhi, retaining walls will be constructed on either side of the river at a cost of Rs.15 crore and the river banks will be strengthened.

Through this scheme, irrigation lands in Periyakulam taluk will benefit. Encroachments in the river will be prevented.

5. Vaigai river originates in the Western Ghats and joins the Bay of Bengal after coursing through the Districts of Theni, Dindigul, Madurai, Sivagangai and Ramanathapuram. There are several structures across the river for irrigation purposes.

For conserving the flood waters during the rainy season, a check dam will be constructed across Vaigai river near Thirubuvanam town panchayat, Sivagangai District at a cost of Rs.10 crore.

This scheme will conserve the flood waters in the river and recharge the wells set up on the upper reaches of the check dam for the combined drinking water supply scheme. Also, the ground water level in the irrigation wells nearby will go up. This will benefit the irrigation lands.

6. My Government gives importance to development of tanks. With the development of water bodies, their storage capacity will increase. In turn, this will recharge the ground water and drinking water resources will improve. Agricultural production will also increase. This year, 49 tanks – 8 in Tiruvannamalai District, 7 in Dharmapuri District, 12 in Vellore District and 22 in Virudhunagar District – will be rehabilitated at a cost of Rs. 22.83 crore.

The repair and rehabilitation works undertaken in these 49 tanks will benefit 3,789 acres of irrigation lands.

7. The PWD Workers' Training Institute in Tiruchi is functioning from a 60-year-old building for more than 32 years. The Institute trains PWD workers from all over Tamil Nadu. Hence, a new building, comprising, among other things, a lecture hall and a multi-purpose auditorium will be constructed for the Institute at a cost of Rs.3.50 crore.

These announcements made by me now, will develop water resources and pave the way for higher agricultural production. ■

Road projects for smooth traffic flow, curbing congestion

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Puratchi Thalaivi **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** under Rule 110 in the Legislative Assembly on 12.08.2016 *(English Translation)*

Hon'ble Speaker,

Road infrastructure forms the basis for the growth of the primary sector, industrial development, service sector growth, economic development and for safe and speedy travel.

Besides developing 48,372 km roads in the last 5 years, 2,095 bridges and culverts were also constructed at a total cost of Rs.25,392 crore. Thirteen by-pass roads were laid at a cost of Rs.211.44 crore. Various works costing Rs.11,367 crore are in different stages of progress.

I am very happy to make the following announcements on behalf of the department of Highways and Minor Ports in this House.

1. With NABARD loan facility, 80 bridges will be constructed at an estimate of Rs.159.74 crore. They will come up, one in Tiruvallur District, 2 in Cuddalore District, one in Vellore, one in Tiruvannamalai District, 5 in Salem District, 3 in Namakkal District, 3 in Dharmapuri District, 3 in Krishnagiri District, 4 in Erode District, 3 in Tiruppur District, 3 in Coimbatore District, 1 in Udhagai District, 2 in Tiruchi District, 2 in Perambalur District, 2 in Ariyalur District, 8 in Pudukkottai District, 5 in Thanjavur District, 4 in Nagapattinam District, 2 in Tiruvarur District, 3 in Madurai District, 4 in Dindigul District, 8 in Thoothukudi District, 3 in Tirunelveli District, 4 in Sivagangai District and 3 in Virudhunagar District. Twenty-two

lakh people in about 472 villages will benefit from these bridges. As a majority of these works is to take place in rural areas, it will help in the marketing of the agricultural produce of farmers.

2. To reduce traffic congestion in Hosur town, an outer ring road to a length of 18.40 km will be laid from Jujuwadi to Perandapalli.For laying this road, 60.16 hectares of land in 11 villages – Jujuwadi, Anumapalli Agraharam, Begapalli, Nallur, Eluvapalli, Aavalapalli, Kelavarapalli, Chinnakollu, Peddakollu, Moranapalli and Alur - in Hosur Taluk, Krishnagiri District have to be acquired. These works will be taken up at a cost of Rs. 215 crore.

This outer ring road will greatly reduce traffic congestion in Hosur town.

3. The important urban roads in Chennai city –- National Highway 45, NH–4, NH-5 and NH-205 –-have been widened as multi-lane roads and development works continue to take place. By way of improving road infrastructure within Chennai Metro limits, Chennai by-pass road and Chennai outer ring road schemes have been executed and the roads are in use.

The feasibility of laying a 'Chennai Mega Ring Road' to connect all National Highways and the Chennai Harbour areas, is being examined. Important link roads around Chennai Metro will be developed. The Chengalpattu-Thiruporur road, Tambaram-Mudichur-Tiruperumbudur road, Kodambakkam-Tiruperumbudur road, Walajahbad-Sunguvarchathram- Keezhacheri road, Sadras-Chengalpattu-Kancheepuram-Tiruttani road, Singaperumalkovil-Tiruperumbudur-Tiruvallur-Red Hills road, Tirumazhisai-Oothukottai, all these roads will be widened as four lane roads from the present two-lane roads and the roads Pallavaram-Thuraipakkam and Chennai-Chittoor-Bengaluru from four to six-lane roads.

On account of the widening of these link roads, they will become link roads for the Chennai Metro Outer Ring road and Chennai Mega Ring road. This will reduce traffic congestion in Chennai suburbs.

4. To reduce traffic congestion in Tharamangalam town, a by-pass road to a length of 3.110 km from KM 9/240 to KM 12/300 will be laid on the Omalur-Sankagiri-Tiruchengode-Paramathi road at a cost of Rs.20 crore.

5. On NH-79, Rasipuram town is located in KM 41/0 – 43/0 in the Malliakarai-Rasipuram-Tiruchengode-Erode road. As this road is very narrow in Rasipuram town area and as the buses of the educational institutions around the town have to ply through this road, there is heavy traffic congestion. Hence, works for laying a Rasipuram by-pass road have been taken up. In the first phase, a 6 km road –from KM 2/8 to 8/8 – starting from Appanaickenpatti village on the Mohanur-Namakkal-Senthamangalam-Rasipuram road to join the NH-44 at KM 230/2 in Anaipalayam – has been laid and is in use.

In the second phase, the road will be laid from Anaipalayam village to join Ponkurichi on the Malliakarai-Rasipuram-Tiruchengode-Erode road. The estimated cost of the road will be Rs.25 crore.

Vehicles to go to Salem, Namakkal, Tiruchengode and Erode from the areas of Aattur, Mettaalaa, Mullukurichi, Kollimalai

and Senthamangalam can use this by-pass road. As the vehicles of the educational institutions around Rasipuram can use this road, traffic congestion will be greatly reduced in Rasipuram town besides effecting reduction in travel time, fuel expenses and in accidents.

I resume my seat, stating that these measures of my Government will improve road transport, traffic congestion will reduce in the suburbs of Chennai.

Sailing Academy, rock climbing set up among steps to boost sports

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
Puratchi Thalaivi **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** under Rule 110 in the Legislative Assembly on 24.08.2016 *(English Translation)*

Hon'ble Speaker,

My Government gives sports the same importance as education, as sports is a factor for the all-round development of students. For Tamil Nadu sports persons to participate and win in international competitions, my Government has been implementing many schemes such as providing a variety of training, setting up playgrounds of international standards, indoor stadiums, District sports complexes and providing high incentives to medalists in National and International competitions.

I am extremely happy to announce in this House the new schemes to be implemented this year for the development of sports.

1. In our election manifesto, we had announced that marine sports facilities would be created. By way of implementing this promise, a 'Sailing Academy' will be established on the Marina, the second longest beach in the world. Also, a Training Centre of Excellence in Sailing and Rowing competitions will be established. The Academy and the Training Centre will be established at a cost of Rs.7 crore.

2. In my earlier Government, the Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University was established. An e-library will be located in this university at a cost of Rs. 2.51 crore for the benefit of the professors and students studying there, with regard to sports-related training, its intracacies and research.

3. As there is no separate training institute in Tamil Nadu for the National Cadet Corps, a Training Academy will be set up at a cost of Rs.12 crore. As I had announced in this House, works to set up this Academy at Idayapatti in Madurai are about to be completed. An artificial rock climbing set up will be established in this training academy at a cost of Rs.30 lakh for the NCC personnel to hone their skills in mountain climbing.

Chief Minister announces e-procurement of paddy to avert hassles faced by farmers

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Puratchi Thalaivi **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** in the Legislative Assembly under Rule 110 on 05.08.2016

Hon'ble Speaker,

My Government has been implementing many pioneering schemes including supply of rice at no cost by way of providing food security to all. The Civil Supplies Corporation, the Tamil Nadu Warehousing Corporation and the Co-operation Department engage themselves in production, storage and sale, the limbs of the food security scheme. To better their performance, my Government has been implementing many schemes like construction of new godowns, establishing procurement centres and setting up modern rice mills.

I am immensely happy to make the following announcements in this House on behalf of the Department of Co-operation, Food and Consumer Protection:

In 2015-2016, paddy was cultivated in Tamil Nadu in 20.38 lakh hectares and 86.98 lakh tonnes of paddy was produced. Under the Scheme of Diversified Procurement, Direct Procurement Centres were opened as per need and 16.83 lakh tonnes of paddy was procured.

Though Direct Paddy Procurement Centres are monitored, farmers face certain difficulties due to the Systemic deficit. Long wait at paddy procurement centres, under-weighment of paddy offered for procurement, delayed payment for the procured paddy and part-

payments are among the shortcomings voiced by farmers now and then.

Though Government has sanctioned payment to farmers through Electronic Clearing Service (ECS), it has not been brought into force fully as paddy procurement operations have not yet been computerised.

In the present procedure, details about paddy procurement are obtained from the procurement centres and compiled at the offices of the regional managers of the Civil Supplies Corporation. Orders for the release of funds are issued and sent to the treasuries for payment through ECS. As this involves delay in making the payments, direct payment has to be resorted to.

To remove such shortcomings and to extend the maximum benefit to the farmers at the direct paddy procurement centres, an e-procurement scheme will be implemented in Tamil Nadu.

Paddy Procurement details will be fully computerised. Necessary infrastructure facilities like point of sale machine, computer, printer and electronic weighing scale will be supplied to the direct procurement centres. This will enhance the performance of these centres.

Farmers can register their names, land details, crop cultivation area, approximate time of harvest and their mobile phone number through internet or throughPublic service centres. This will facilitate SMS-ing farmers in advance, the date and time when they should bring their paddy for procurement. This will avert long wait for farmers. When the paddy is brought, it will be weighed and details of the quantum of paddy procured, price for the procured paddy and the godown where it is moved, will be uploaded in the internet in a transparent way for the farmers and the general Public to know at any time.

The e-procurement facilitates computerisation of procurement works and the movement of the procured paddy totally – from farmers' land to the godown of the Civil Supplies Corporation. A procedure of leaving the choice to the farmers, the date and time convenient to them to bring their paddy for procurement, will also be included. After the procurement, a receipt will also be issued to the farmer mentioning the quantum of paddy procured and the amount to be paid to him. The amount will be credited to the farmer's account immediately through ECS. This e-procurement scheme will be implemented in the current year at a cost of Rs.13.43 crore.

2. The Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation is operating 21 modern rice mills. These mills hull 3.10 lakh tonnes of paddy in a year. Apart from this, 422 private sector modern rice mills hull 14 lakh tonnes of paddy per year. More modern rice mills have become a necessity in view of the rice needs of thePublic Distribution System.

During harvest time, 56 direct paddy procurement centres function in Valangaiman Taluk, Tiruvarur District. On an average, 64,000 tonnes of paddy are procured every year. The paddy is hulled at the Sundarakottai modern rice mill of the Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation, located 20 km away and at the modern rice mills of the Tiruvarur regional rice hulling agents.

This causes delay in supplying rice to the Public Distribution System and transport charges are incurred as well. By setting up an integrated modern rice mill in the Tiruvarur region, the procured paddy can be hulled immediately, locally and the rice can be supplied to the Public Distribution System. Hence, as a pioneering venture in Tamil Nadu,

an integrated modern rice mill with a hulling capacity of 30,000 tonnes per year will be set up in Valangaiman taluk, Tiruvarur District at an estimated cost of Rs.20 crore. Steps will be taken to convert the by-products of hulling like bran and husk into value added goods.

3. Godowns play an important role in storage and sale, the other two limbs of the food security scheme. To increase the number of godowns and store food grains in a proper way, orders were issued to set up 165 godowns with a total capacity of 6.88 lakh tonnes at a cost of Rs.739 crore in the last 5 years. Of this, 106 godowns with a capacity of 2.49 lakh tonnes have been constructed. Work on the remaining ones is progressing.

My Government gives priority to the setting up of more godowns to increase the storage capacity. Hence, two godowns with a capacity of 10,000 tonnes each will be constructed at a cost of Rs.40 crore at Kottur and Needamangalam in Tiruvarur District. Conveyors, to lighten the work of load men, stackers and loaders to load the lorries will be installed in these godowns.

4. To preserve the farmers' paddy grains, mostly open air godowns are used. The grains are affected by the heat of the sunlight and rains. Hence, my Government is taking action to construct silos with modern technology for safe keeping of paddy. Presently paddy silos with a capacity of 50,000 tonnes are being constructed at a cost of Rs.58.48 crore at the Erukkur modern rice mill complex in Nagapattinam District.

In the current year paddy silos, with a capacity of 15,000 tonnes each with modern technological facilities will be constructed in the Districts of Thanjavur and Tiruvarur at a cost of Rs.40 crore.

5. The Tamil Nadu Warehousing Corporation is operating 255 warehouses with a total capacity of 6.74 lakh tonnes at 55 places. The main goal of this corporation is to create scientific storage facilities for farmers and merchants and prevent the storage losses of produce.

In the last 5 years, 2 warehouses with a capacity of 45,000 tonnes were constructed at a cost of Rs.41.14 crore. Also, 14 more warehouses with a capacity of 62,000 tonnes are being constructed at an estimated cost of Rs.65.42 crore.

In the current financial year, 5 warehouses with a total capacity of 16,600 tonnes will be constructed with NABARD loan for the use of farmers, traders and the Food Corporation of India at Ambasamudram, Tirunelveli District, Arakkonam (Vellore District), Namakkal (Namakkal), Manamadurai (Sivagangai) and Cuddalore (Cuddalore) at a cost of Rs.18.50 crore.

This will benefit the farmers, private keepers of goods, FCI, private sugar mills, cement and fertilizer companies in these regions.

6. While paddy is procured from farmers in the Cauvery irrigated areas by the Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation through direct procurement centres, in other Districts, besides the Corporation, co-operative organisations also procure paddy directly from farmers. Direct Procurement Centres play an important role in the procurement of paddy from farmers.

As there is no adequate infrastructure facility in the paddy procurement centres functioning from rented buildings, own buildings are being constructed for these centres. Construction work is on, for 260 direct procurement centres.

In the current year new buildings will be constructed for 50 paddy direct procurement centres at an estimated cost of Rs.20 crore.

7. Of the 4,480 primary agricultural Co-operative credit societies, 3,961 are functioning from their own buildings. 519 societies function from rented buildings. With the aim of making all these credit societies function from their own buildings, construction work is on for 100 credit societies. This year, own buildings will be constructed for 90 more Primary agricultural Co-operative Credit Societies. For this, an interest free loan of Rs.18 crore will be made available from the Co-operative Research and Development Fund, maintained by the Tamil Nadu Co-operative Union.

Another Co-operative organisation in the service of rural people is Primary Co-operative Agricultural and Rural Development Bank. New buildings will be constructed for 2 such banks at a cost of Rs.40 lakh with financial assistance from Primary Bank Development Fund.

New buildings will be constructed for 11 Co-operative banks – for 9 branches of the Central Co-operative Banks and for 2 branches of the Urban Co-operative Banks – at a cost of Rs.9.40 crore. These buildings will have ultra-modern infrastructure facilities such as strong rooms with protective doors, air-conditioning facility,power generator and solar panels.

To attract customers and to provide the best service, Co-operative bank branches are being modernised. In the last 5 years, 231 branches of the Central Co-operative Banks, 67 branches of Urban Co-operative Banks, 129 Primary Agricultural Co-operative Credit Societies and 19 Urban Co-operative Credit Societies were modernised. The modern facilities provided in these banks include digital display boards, modern seating facility, waiting room for customers, modern counters, computer and air-conditioning facility, CCTV cameras, strong room with protective doors, jewellery lockers, lockers for customers and alarm bells.

In the current financial year, 79 Co-operative societies will be modernised at an estimated cost of Rs.12.45 crore. They are 10 branches of the Central Co-operative Banks, 2 branches

of Urban Co-operative Banks, 65 Primary Agricultural Co-operative Credit Societies, 1 Urban Co-operative Credit Society and 1 Primary Co-operative Agriculture and Rural Development Bank. By this, Co-operative societies can offer excellent service to customers.

9. Twenty Co-operative Management Institutes, including the first one started in Thanjavur in 1927, the Samiyappa Co-operative Management Institute, are functioning as the limbs of Tamil Nadu Co-operative Union. These institutes offer diploma level training in co-operation management, jewellery evaluation, various computer based training and graduate and post-graduate courses jointly with Coimbatore Bharathiyar University for the office assistants of Co-operative societies. These institutes conduct short-term training classes for the employees of Co-operative societies including secretaries and clerks, salesmen and packers in Public Distribution scheme shops. Every year, about 10,000 employees are trained.

Of these 20 Co-operative Management Institutes, 10 are functioning from their own buildings. As there are no infrastructure facilities in those in rented buildings, own buildings will be constructed for them in a phased manner. In the first phase, own buildings will be constructed for the Thyagi Sankaralinganar Co-operative Management Institute at Sathur, Virudhunagar District at a cost of Rs. 1.50 crore and for the Institute at Nagercoil, Kanniyakumari District at a cost of Rs.1.60 crore.

These announcements of mine will help farmers to sell their paddy without any hassle at the Paddy Direct Procurement Centres; as new modern rice mills and godown are set up, the quality of rice supplied under thePublic Distribution scheme can be further ensured.

Masterly interventions set the record straight

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Puratchi Thalaivi **Selvi J Jayalalithaa's** interventions in the Legislative Assembly on 05.08.2016 (English Translation)

Hon'ble Selvi J Jayalalithaa: Hon'ble Speaker, At the beginning of his speech itself, the Hon'ble member mentioned: 'In this historic Legislative Assembly ...' Through you, I want to know from the Hon'ble member whether its historic importance made them abandon it, raise a building in the Omandurar Estate on the model of a capsized ship and shift the Assembly to that building?

Hon'ble Selvi J Jayalalithaa: Hon'ble Speaker, whether it is due to his five-year tenure as Mayor of Chennai Corporation or due to some other factor, the Hon'ble member is speaking about Chennai alone, forgetting that the demands for this department cover entire Tamil Nadu. Without a knowledge of the achievements we have recorded in Tamil Nadu in this Department, without a desire to know about them, with a narrow mindset, he is confining himself only to Chennai. This is because he was Chennai Mayor. Now, he is an MLA. Through You, I request him to understand first, that he should know about the whole of Tamil Nadu and then speak. Another opposition party member who spoke yesterday, Dr. Ponmudi, was dwelling only on the subject of flyovers in Chennai.

If researchers, analysts, demographic experts from all over the country say that Tamil Nadu is the most rapidly urbanising state, it does not mean that villagers are migrating to cities. Its import is to be understood as that Villages, Panchayats, Town Panchayats and Municipalities are gradually raising up to the status of Municipal Corporation.

On awards won by Tamil Nadu in Municipal Administration

Hon'ble Speaker,

The course the Hon'ble opposition party member Thiru. M. Subramanian makes this debate take, the direction in which it moves

creates a doubt even in me that whether we are in the Assembly hall or whether we are in Chennai Corporation Council meeting.

The Hon'ble member mentioned about the one or two awards got in the DMK rule. I wish to catalogue a few of the awards and the appreciation received in the local administration sector in my rule.

1. The USA-based Water Reuse Association presented the Water Reuse Industrial Project 2014 Award to Tamil Nadu Water Investment Company.

2. The UK based Global Water Intelligence Group presented the Corporate Water Stewardship 2015 Award to Tamil Nadu Water Investment Company.

3. The Global Water Intelligence Group, UK gave the Water Leaders Award 2015 to the Chennai Water Supply and Sewerage Board.

4. The Tiruchirappalli Corporation bagged the SKOCH Order of Merit 2014 Award.

5. The WWF organisation presented the Earth Hour Capital 2014 of India Award to the Coimbatore Corporation.

6. The Chennai Corporation got the 2014 HUDCO award for development of Livelihood Environment.

7. The Central Government presented the Best Non-Motorized Transport Project 2014 Award to the Chennai Corporation.

8. India Today's Best City Award for 2014 was presented to Chennai Corporation.

9. The Volvo Sustainable Mobility Award for 2014 was given to Chennai Corporation.

10. The Janagraha organisation presented the Voice of India-Citizen Award to Chennai Corporation for using quality procedures in urban planning and designing.

Hon'ble Speaker: Hon'ble Chief Minister Amma,

Hon'ble Selvi J Jayalalithaa: Hon'ble Speaker, I don't deny the views I have expressed earlier about Metro Rail project. All these are my views. That is true. Still, Metro Rail Project had commenced.

Hon'ble Selvi J Jayalalithaa: A situation, a compulsion that works had to be completed. So works were completed. The present on-going project cannot be stopped in the middle. I acknowledged the Central Government's assistance for this and I thanked them. I have not denied my speech.

Hon'ble Selvi J Jayalalithaa: Hon'ble Speaker, Hon'ble DMK Opposition party member, in his speech mentioned about projects being started and completed. He also spoke about who is an expert in this. 'Oru paanai sotrukku oru soru padham ' (one grain suffices to test a whole pot of boiled rice). Veeranam project is one appropriate example to testify to their skill in starting and completing a project. Why did you not complete the Veeranam project started in the DMK rule? Did you lose confidence over it? Later Sarkaria Commission came..that was also over. Later, it ended in the dismissal of the Government.

Though you returned to power later, you did not have the courage to take up the Veeranam project again. Why? Only after I returned to administration, I brought in a New Veeranam Project and successfully completed it. I wish to point out that till date Chennai city is getting water through this project.

Master Plan for tourism growth in next 5 years

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Puratchi Thalaivi Selvi J Jayalalithaa in the Legislative Assembly under Rule 110 on 01.09.2016 *(English Translation)*

Hon'ble Speaker,

Tamil Nadu abounds in famous tourist spots like temples, important historical places, pilgrim centres, sea shores, mountain resorts, wild life sanctuaries, memorials and archaeological sites. Tamil Nadu is in the forefront in attracting domestic and foreign tourists on account of the schemes my Government is offering through the department of tourism.

I am very happy to make new announcements in this House regarding the Department of Tourism, Art, Culture and M useums.

1. A master plan for tourism will be prepared for the whole of Tamil Nadu for implementation in the next 5 years. This plan will include protection and restoration without loss of antiquity, the heritage monuments and ancient tourist spots; documentation; creating awareness among all connected with tourism industry and training them; and skill development and improving the local community livelihood interests.

As per this plan, beach tourism facilities will be improved at a cost of Rs.95 crore; developmental works costing Rs. 22.35 crore will be taken up in Kancheepuram town and in Velankanni; and developmental works costing Rs. 403 crore will be executed under the Financial Assistance Scheme of the Asian Development Bank at important tourists places in five years.

2. The six regional art and culture centre offices under the department of Art and Culture are functioning from Kancheepuram, Salem, Thanjavur, Tiruchirappalli, Madurai and Tirunelveli. There are 8 Districts under the control of Salem Regional Assistant Director. Hence a new regional Art and Culture Centre will set up at Coimbatore for taking up the works of art in a better way.

The Districts of Salem, Dharmapuri, Krishnagiri and Namakkal will be under the control of Salem region and the Districts of Coimbatore, Erode, Tiruppur and Nilgiris under the control of Coimbatore region.

3. Damaged class rooms in the old Government college of fine arts will be renovated at a cost of Rs.1.40 crore.

4. Automatic fire alarm sirens and other protective equipment will be installed at the Government museum, Chennai and 20 other District museums at a cost of Rs.1.20 crore.

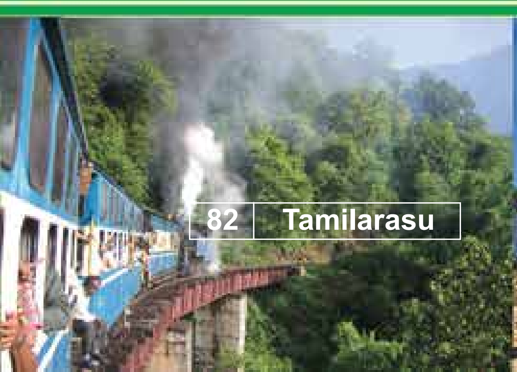
5. The Government museum at Chennai functions from 3 old buildings and 3 new buildings and has 54 pavilions on one lakh sq.ft. These pavilions will be renovated and re-structured.

In the Government museum complex at Chennai, display works will be taken up. Facilities for visitors will be improved. Footpaths and inner roads will be improved. All these works will be executed at a cost of Rs.10 crore.

6. Taking uo excavations at historic places in Tamil Nadu, is one of the prime duties of the Department of Archaeology. So far, excavations have been undertaken at 39 places and the findings of 36 of them have been published as books.

This year, a comprehensive archaeological excavation will be undertaken at Azhagankulam, Ramanathapuram District. Azhagankulam is located 17 kms east of Ramanathapuram and on the north bank of Vaigai river, close to the sea. This village was an important port in Tamil Nadu for the Romans between 2nd century B.C. and 2nd century A.D. Evidence that it was a trading centre is found in Sangam literature.

The social and cultural activities of the ancients have come to light from the archaeological materials retrieved from 24 excavations undertaken till date from the year 1984. Hence a comprehensive archaeological excavation will be undertaken at Azhagankulam at a cost of Rs.55 lakh.



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